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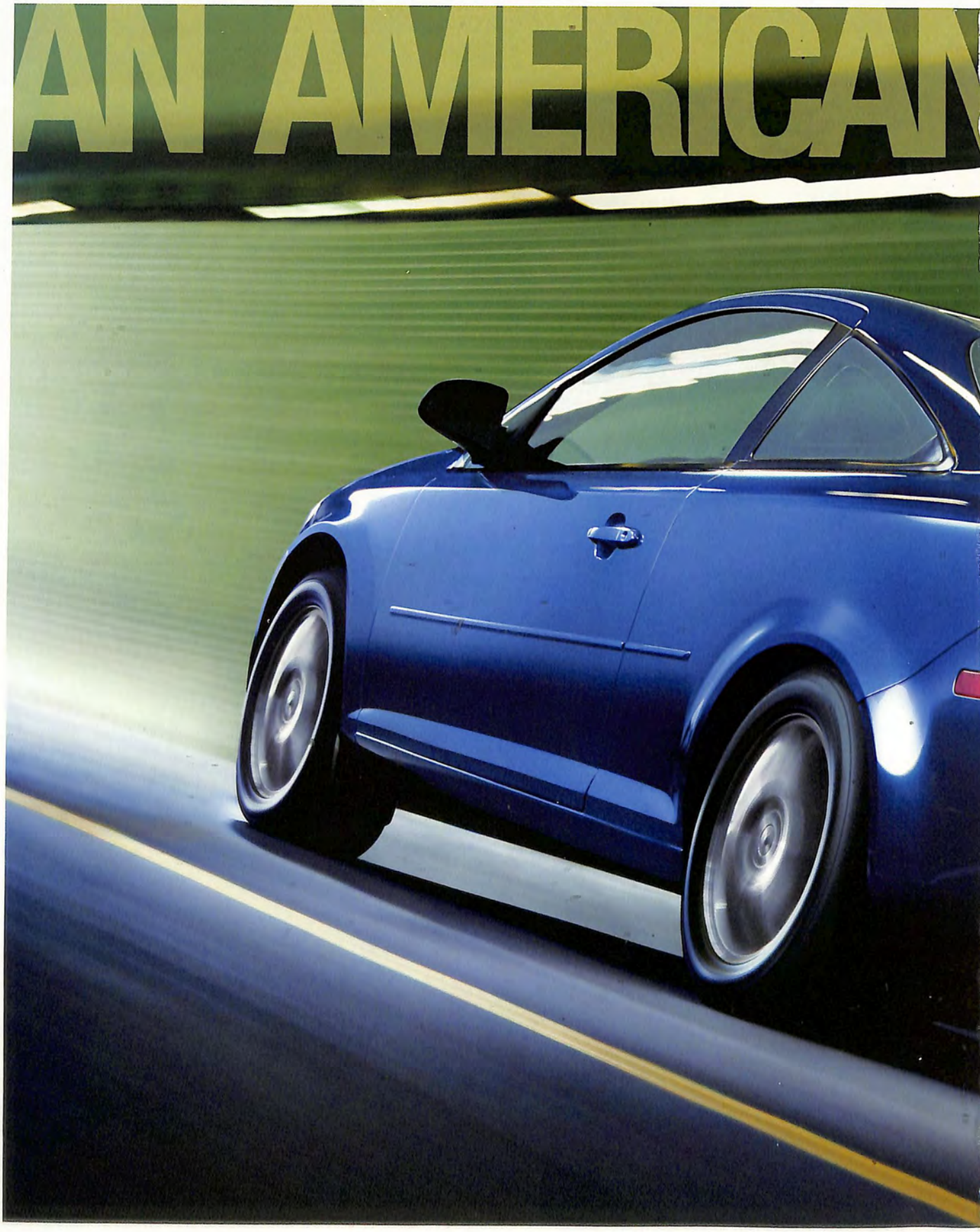

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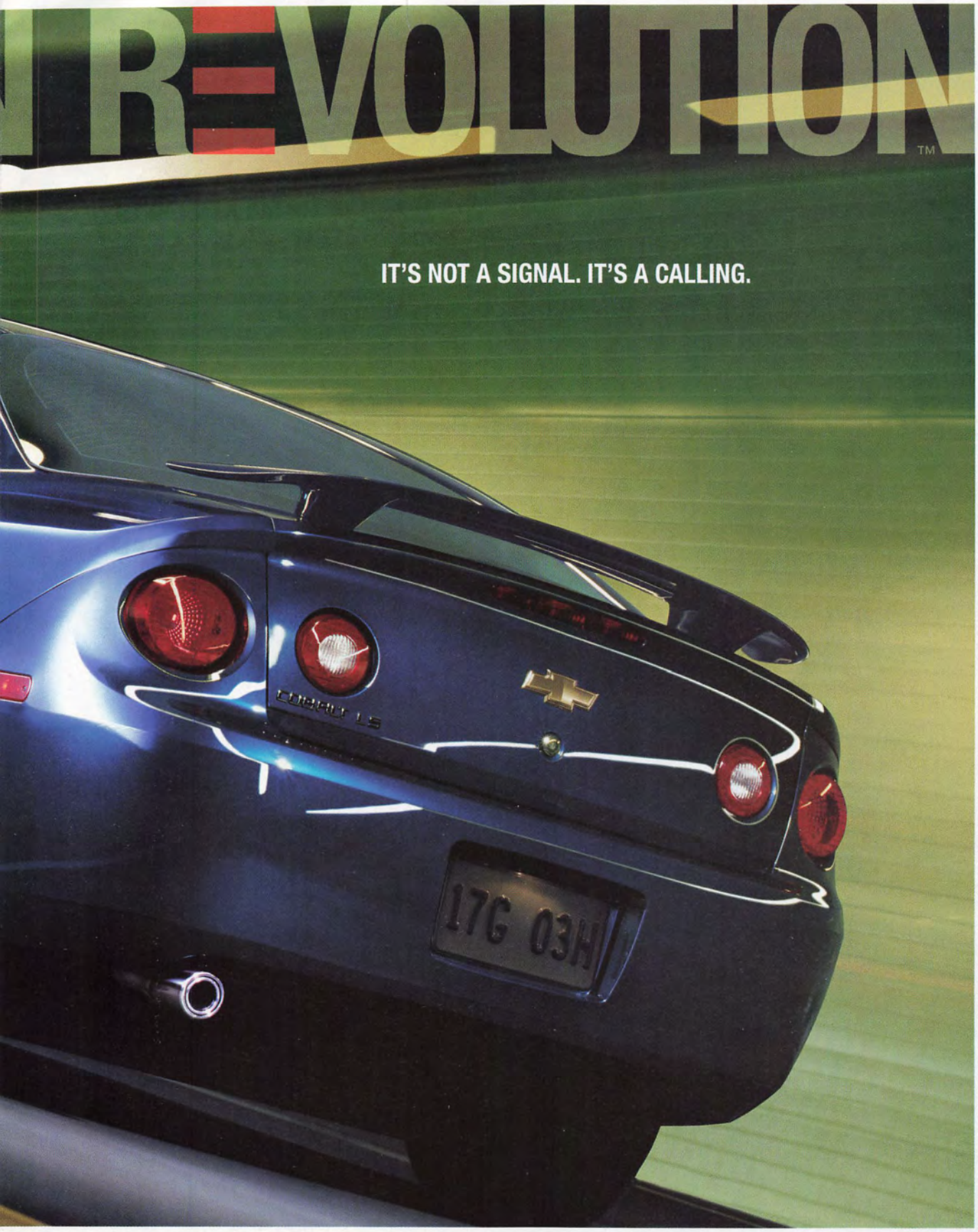

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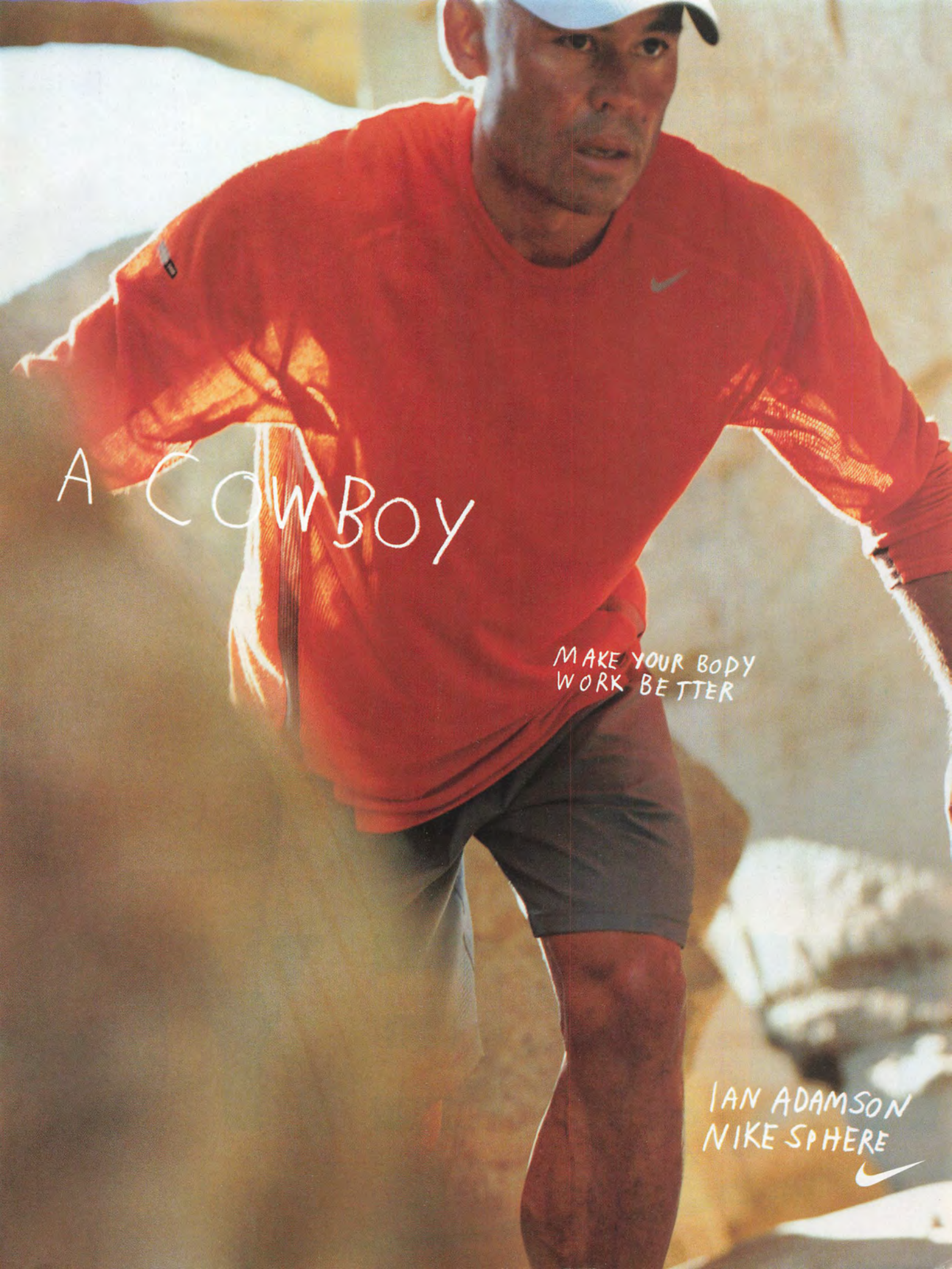
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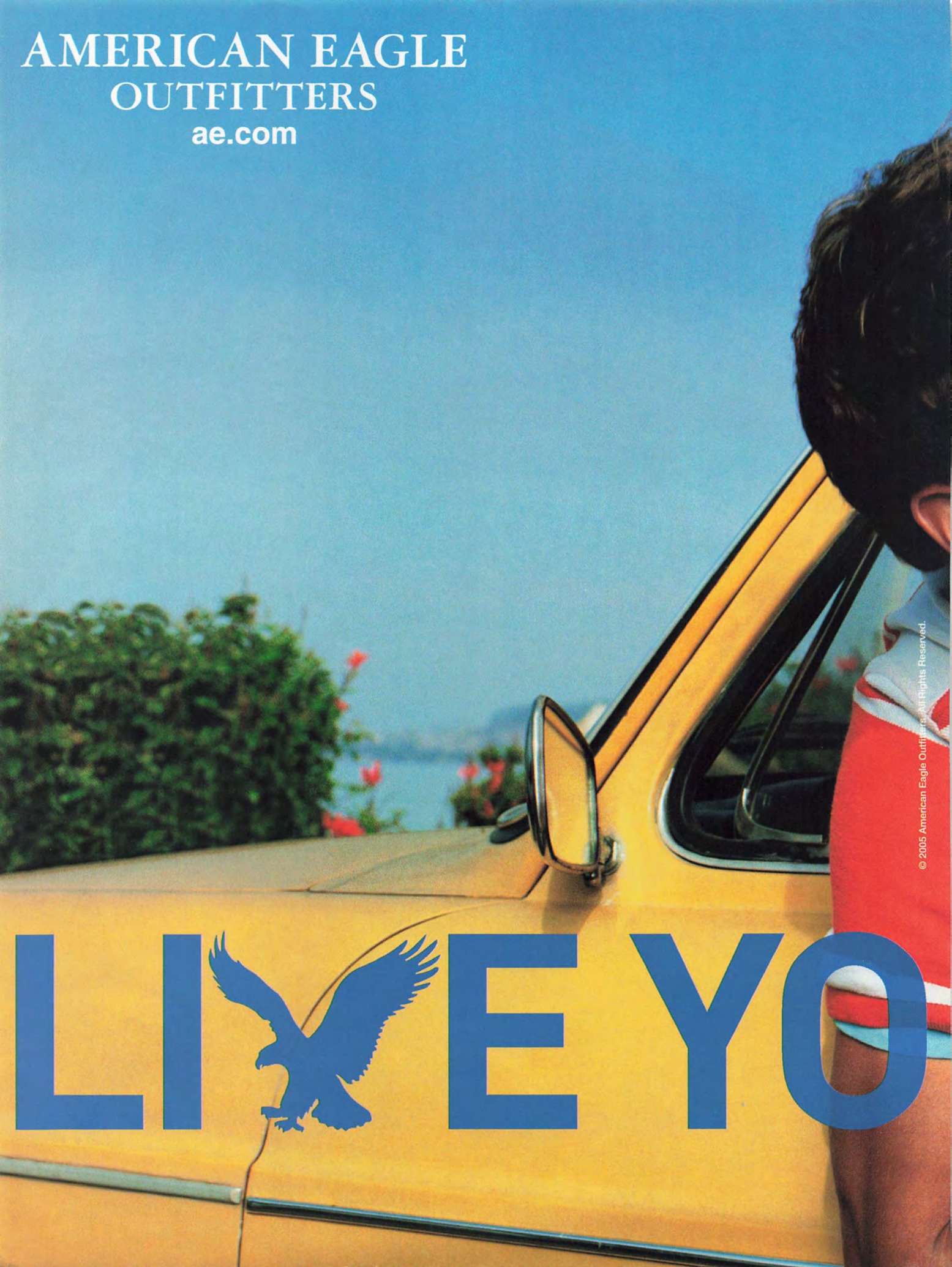
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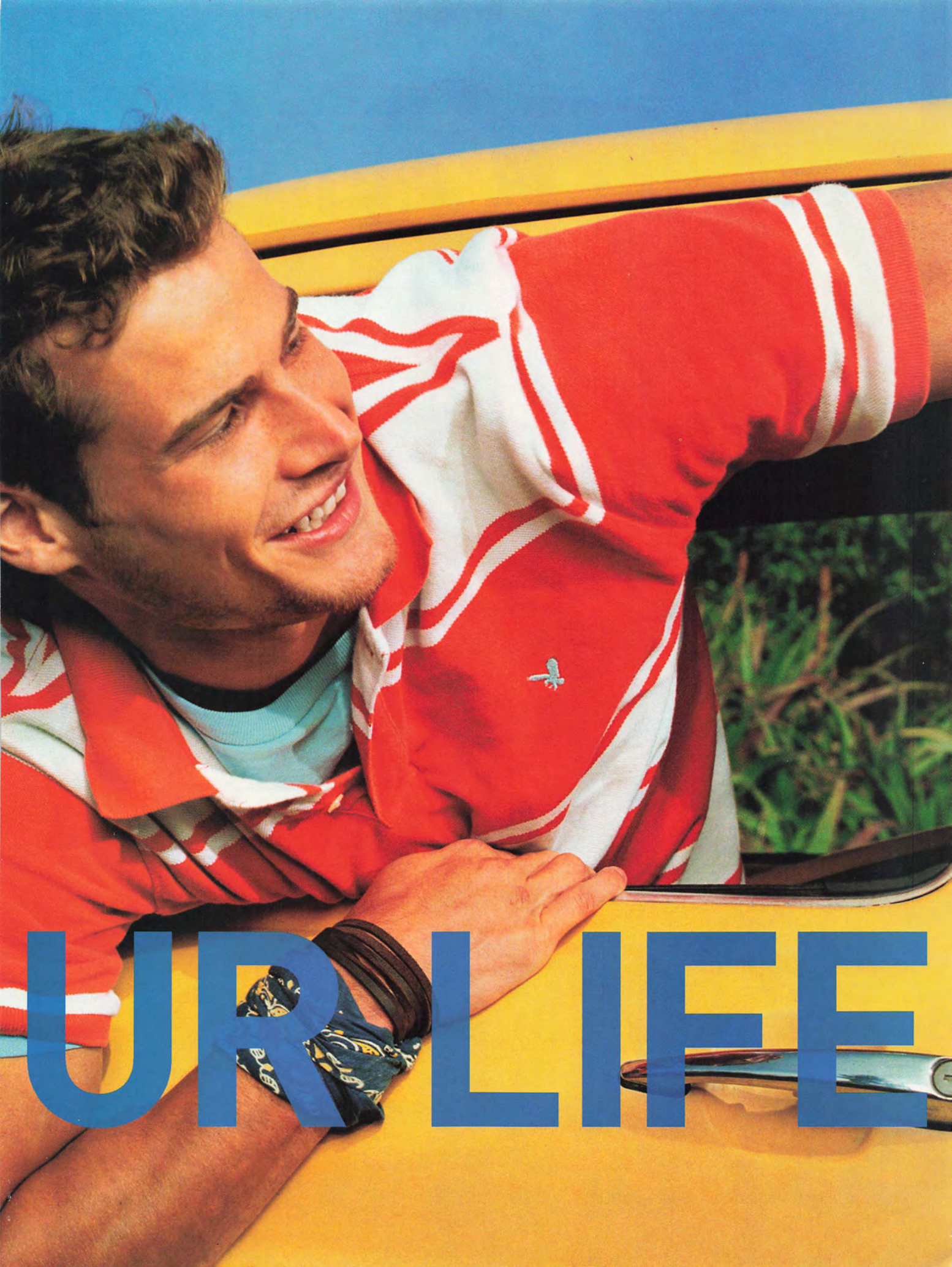
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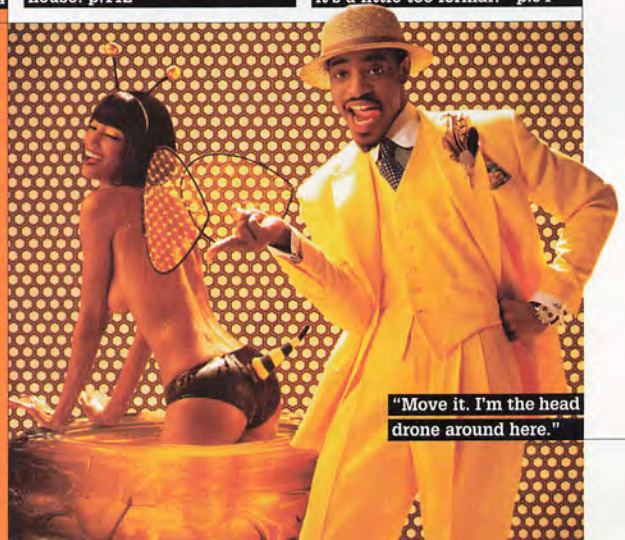

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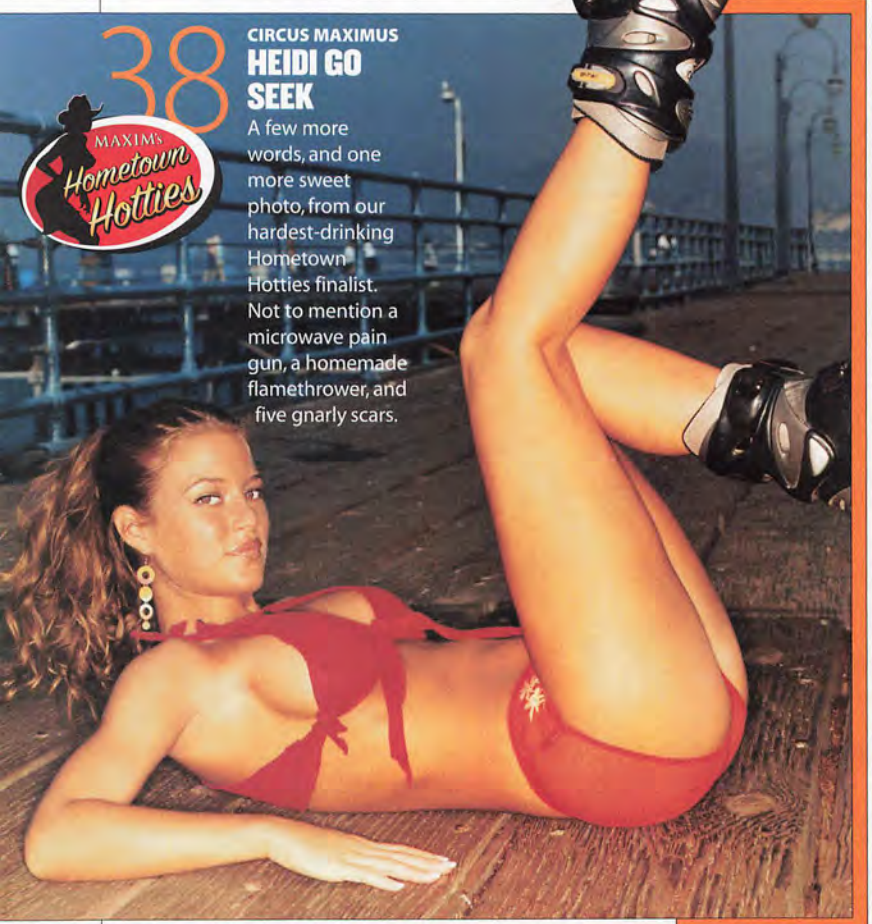

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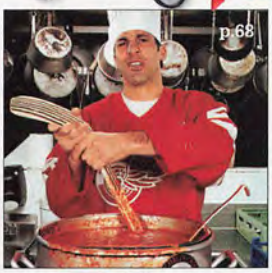

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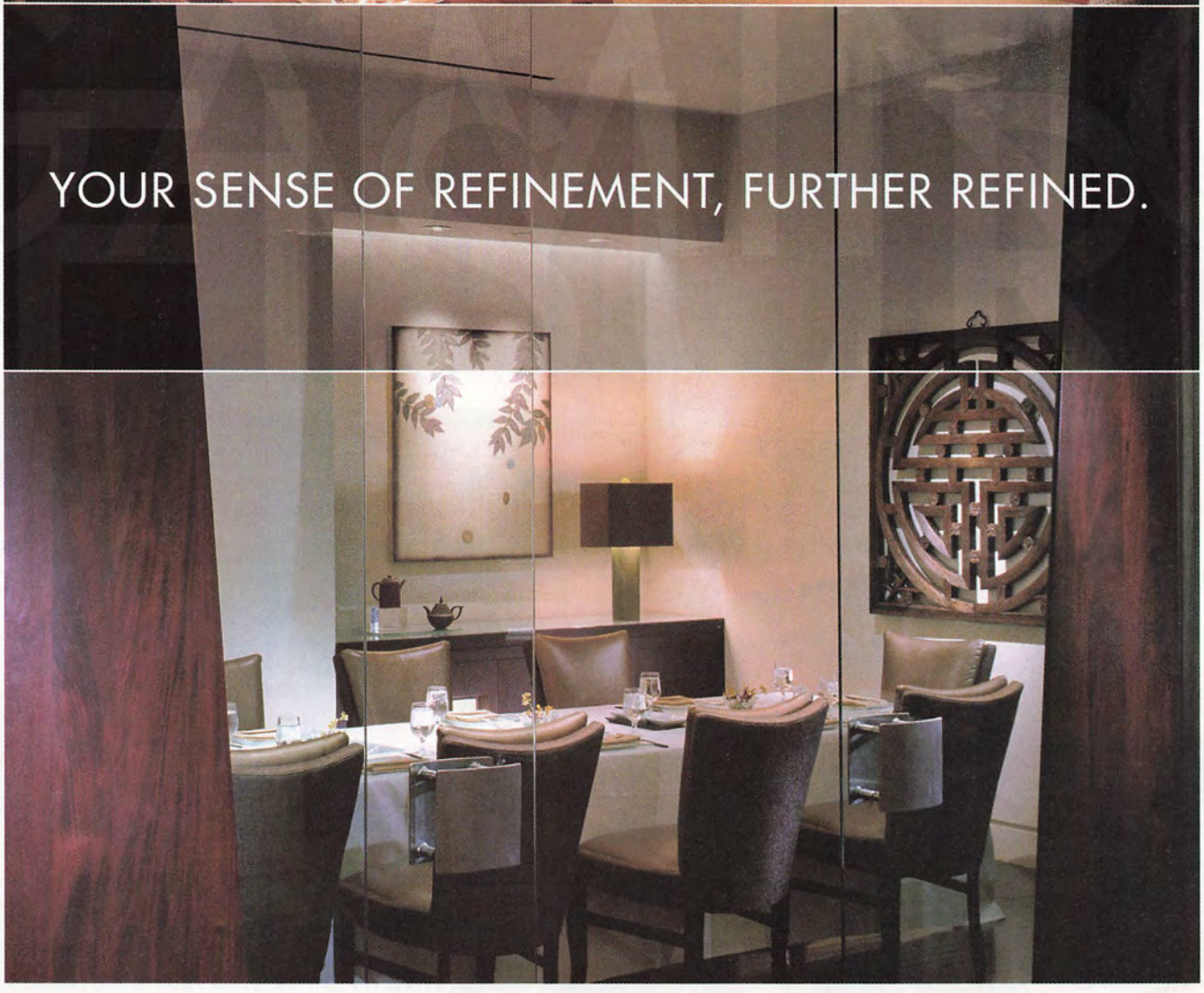

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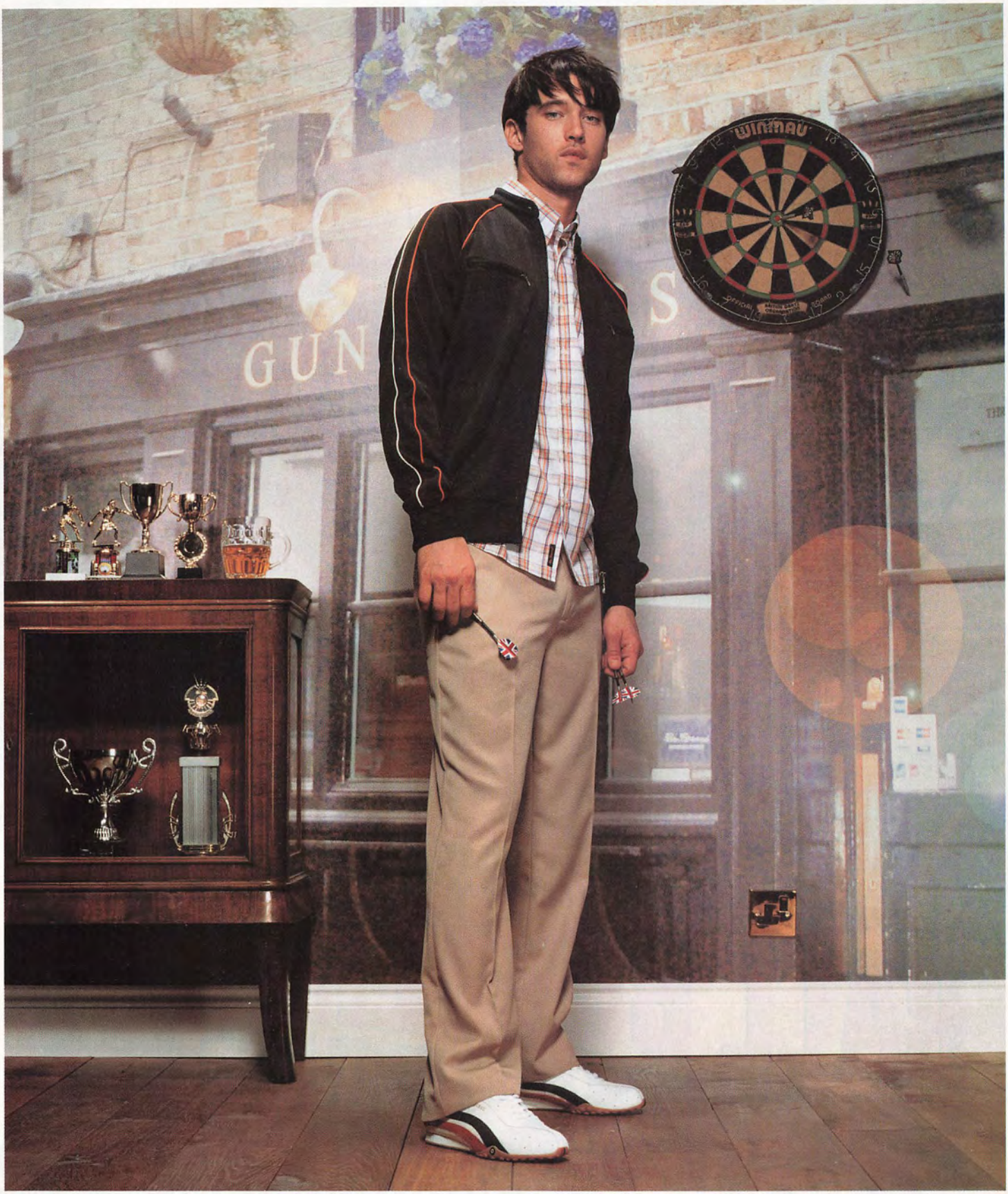

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Fantasy leaguers, it's your biggest, um, fantasy. Our experts (three pros, an ex-pro, a play-by-play guy, and a sports-nut actor) weigh in on the players and teams that will shine—and suck—in 2005.

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In happier news, *Maxim* was delighted to discover that not all celebs are obnoxious egomaniacs when we shot Andre 3000 for this month's issue (p.146). Mr. 3000 not only came up with the bee-lady-in-a-giant-honeypot idea himself but also drove to the shoot alone, single-footedly operating his vehicle's pedals, without the need for a retinue of sycophants to provide constant reassurance of his awesome driving skills and laugh at his jokes. Bless you, Mr. 3000, there is hope for the world.

Enjoy the issue

Ed Needham
Editor-in-Chief

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Chris LaFleur
Columbus, OH

You know who also finds tattoos sexy? Prisoners. Just a word of warning.

Die Tard

In your review of *Hostage* ["Hot Zone," February], you said that Bruce Willis' character "doesn't walk on broken glass, hang any Russians with chains, or say 'yippee-ki-yay'" in the movie, an obvious reference to *Die Hard*. However, in *Die Hard*, John McClane didn't hang *any* Russians with chains. Karl, the character you're referring to, was German. The actor who played him was Russian. Please be more careful. To some, like me, misquoting or incorrectly stating facts about the *Die Hard* trilogy is the same as doing it with the Bible. It's inexcusable!

Brian Wilson
Via e-mail

Speaking of the Bible, our favorite part was where it turns out Jesus' real father is Darth Vader—we never saw it coming!

Home, Sweet Homicide

Your article "Residence Evil" [February] was entertaining, but I felt there was one famous house that was left out—the Amityville house on Long Island, where the famous DeFeo murders of 1974 took place, along with the famous hauntings afterward that spawned several books and a movie. I'm surprised you guys left it off the list.

Chris Kiederer
Yorktown Heights, NY

Originally, the Amityville house was on the list . . . but then three of our interns spontaneously combusted. We took the hint.

Canned Meathead

I tried to crush a beer can on my head exactly as described in your February issue ["How to Crush a Can on Your Head"]. I wanted to thank you because, not only did it work, but everybody thought it was pretty effin' sweet! The downside was that, after the seventh beer can, my head hurt. I'll be sending you my hospital bill.

Thomas Siecinski
Shelby Township, MI

Just think, after a few additional rounds of can crushing, you'll still have plenty more brain cells than our entire editorial department!

FOR YOU

If we printed your letter this month, you get Monty Python DVDs and shirts from Nick(it). E-mail us at editors @maximmag.com.

YOURS FOR THE TAKING

PIGSKIN PRIZE PACK

WIN!

Ready to retire your father's sweat-sodden athletic supporter? Try some of *our* hand-me-downs!

What's the third best thing about attending *Maxim*'s legendary party on Super Bowl weekend? Scoring the goodie bag, of course (the Cowboys cheerleaders were a close second). We weren't able to invite *all* our readers to this year's bash (or any), but we can give one chumpstain all the gear some celeb was too wasted to snatch. Prizes include: Sharper Image AM/FM binocs, a Nintendo DS game system, Rave-MP 5.0 player, a free stay at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, a Sauza shot glass, Reebok sneakers, Coors Light clothing, and a Dodge backpack. If you want to try to score, swing by **maximonline.com.**

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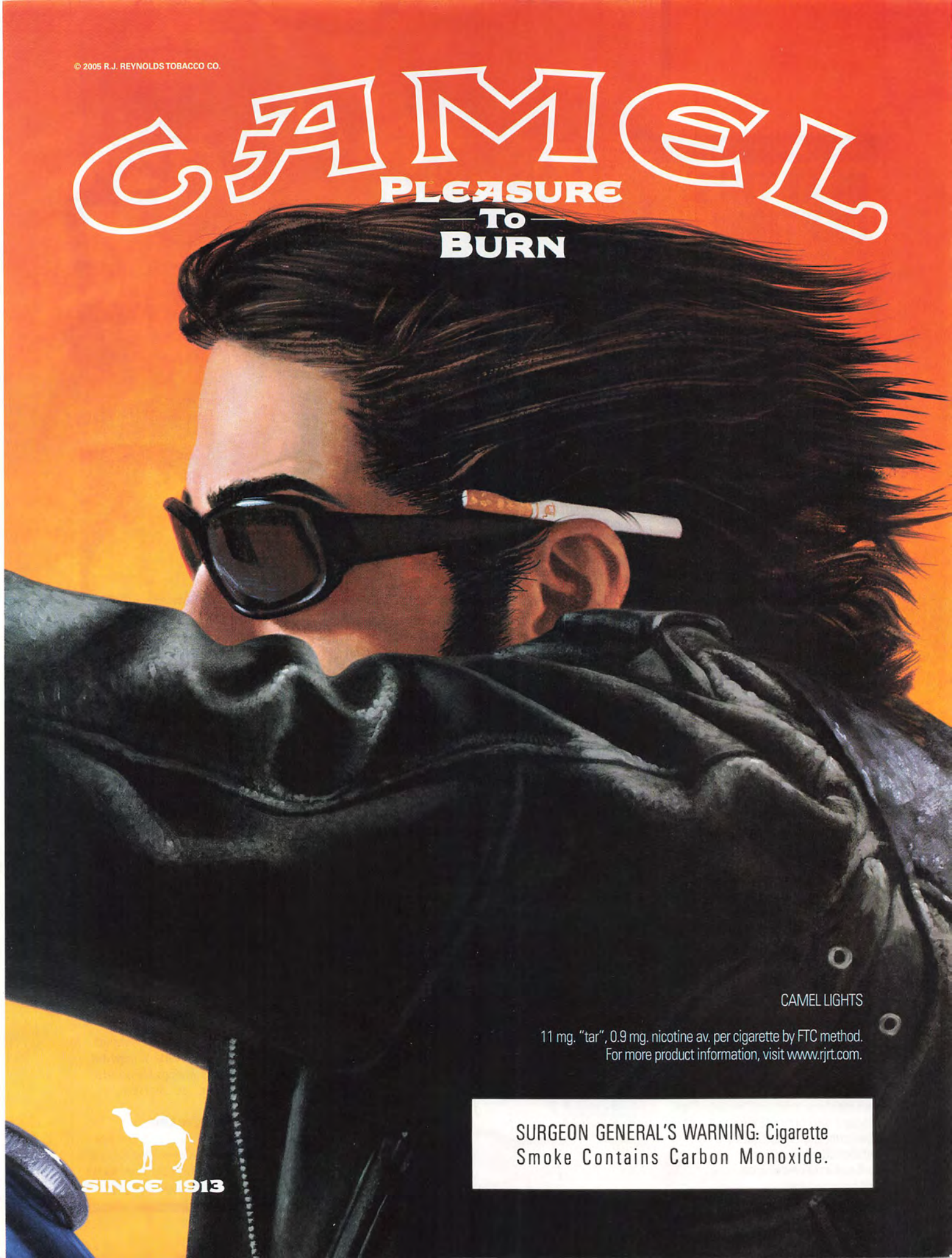

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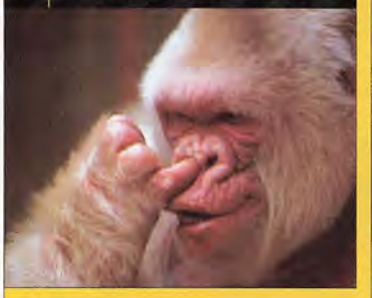

Winner:
"I forgot which nostril has the M&M . . ."
—Al Crespo, Parma, OH

Sweat Dreams

While I enjoyed your interview with Bruce Willis ["We Want Answers!," February], I have a gripe: This man worked with a sweaty Monica Bellucci in *Tears of the Sun,* for Chrissakes, and you didn't even ask if they ever got sweaty together? Jeez! At least ask him how many calluses he got!

Dave King
Corner Brook, Newfoundland

How sophomoric of you, Dave, to allude to masturbation in a cheap attempt at humor. If you'll excuse us, we have knobs to polish, pipes to wipe, pickles to tickle, and, time permitting, a bad monkey desperately in need of a spanking.

Bottoms Up

My wife and I loved your February swimsuit issue, but I have a question for you. My wife thinks a bikini bottom would look good on me. What should I do? My buddies in the bowling league thought it was funny as hell. I'm open to your opinion, as I'm sure you've gone through this plenty of times before.

Bill
Via e-mail

There's nothing wrong with putting on a bikini to arouse your wife, but when your bowling buddies ask you to wear the assless chaps, reevaluate.

Hang Perfect 10

Each one of your surfer girls ["The Girls of Surf," February] was a perfect 10 in my book, right down to the sexy tan lines. There's nothing hotter than a girl on a surfboard in the sweltering sun and cool water. I think you guys have outdone yourselves this time. The only thing better than looking at these beauties on the page would be to look at them in person. Think you can arrange that?

J. Doovie
Via e-mail

Of course! Report to the middle of the ocean between California and Hawaii next Friday at noon. Be sure to hide chum in your shorts!

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Canaduh!

I have a weird question for you: Every month you give out prizes, but I never see any Canadians winning. Is there a reason? Or do you guys just pick at random?

Josh Paananen
Timmins, Ontario

Our system for picking winners is extremely intricate and scientific. But when the dart-throwing monkey is too hung over, we do it ourselves.

MAXIM CLEANS UP THE OFFICE

RANDOM OBJECT SENT TO RANDOM PERSON

Object: Fetching pair of bubblegum-pink sandals
Sent to: Will Evert, Roswell, GA

If You Build It...

Have you guys considered doing a monthly section related to construction? Like it or not, construction workers comprise a significant portion of your monthly readers. I'm a safety manager for a large construction company, and I find that many of the daily encounters would appeal to a wide variety of readers.

Timmy D.
Via e-mail

We would love to write more about construction safety, but we're still getting hassled over our last article, "Foundations: A Waste of Time".

Hair Raising

Where has *Maxim* been hiding? I'm sorry to say that I only recently learned of your magazine because I changed barbers and found several copies in the shop. I really enjoyed it and actually stayed at the barber shop for quite some time. It was nice to get away from my busy schedule and family for a while and just enjoy a fine magazine. I look forward to reading future issues at the shop and at home.

David Flanagan
Scituate, MA

Not only is Maxim *fun to read while you're waiting to get your hair cut, but we've found that it's also great for reading while you get a bikini wax . . . er . . . man stuff.*

Offensive Line

I just got my February issue. Even with the abundance of hot women and awesome articles, the one thing that really caught my eye was the vibrating electric Super Bowl game ▶

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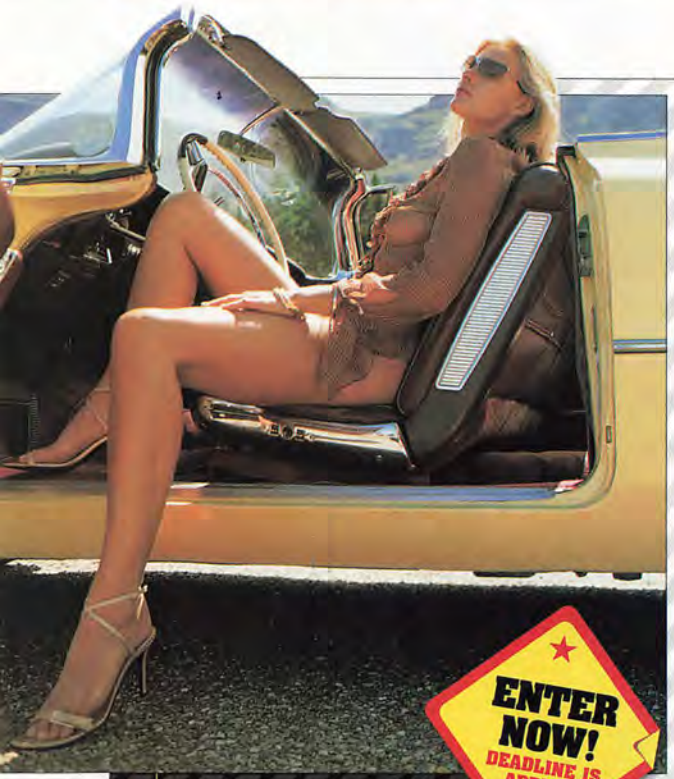

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[Gear Grab Bag]. I remember hearing about those things from my dad, and now I can actually snag one for me to play with my buddies when our girlfriends aren't around. Thanks!

Will Hanek
Brunswick, OH

And with the absence of womenfolk also comes the freedom for you to sit on the goalposts and turn the vibrate setting to "high." Go, team!

No Dumping

My boyfriend has been a *Maxim* reader forever, and I've always managed to steal his mags before he gets a chance to check them out. I read your informative article about how to break up with your girlfriend ["Demolition Man," February], and I found out that your guide to breaking up with a girl works just as well on the fellas. I followed your advice, step by step, and I'm happily living as a single girl once again. Don't worry, though—I'm going to have his *Maxim*s delivered right to my house.

Mayra Chavez
La Puente, CA

How cruelly ironic. This is why we don't date women who can read.

Fool's Told

I was amused to see that you fell for an urban legend/faked photo in the February issue. While the photos of the crane falling in the water attempting to retrieve a car are real ["Need a Lift?"], the photos of the second crane are fake. (At least your photos of models are real!)

John Safranski
Livonia, MI

Actually, it turns out those crane photos are 100 percent legit—just like the ones of your mother and the bowling pin. Thanks for writing!

Eggsellent

I've been a loyal subscriber of *Maxim* for about six years now, and all this time I was completely convinced that the editors of your magazine had no *huevos*. Thus, you can imagine my shock when I discovered these jewels (pun intended) in the refrigerator aisle of my local grocery store.

Gus Torres
Austin, TX

Thanks, Gus! We were wondering where our huevos *went. It's nice to know you were perched carefully, keeping them warm for us.*

Wall Caper

My girlfriend is upset with me because, after I read your magazine, I rip out the pages and post them all on my wall. I think I should break up with her. What do you think?

Jack Hazan
Brooklyn, NY

We think she's right. Our magazine works best as insulation. (Eat us, fiberglass!)

Full Court Mess

I reported for jury duty knowing it would be a long day. Thankfully, I brought *Maxim*. People kept asking to see it, and before long I was being called the "*Maxim* guy." Sadly, it was missing pages by the time I got it back.

Zhen Ma
Via e-mail

. . . and that is how Justice went blind. M

> ROAD TO NOWHERE

THE GREAT MAXIM ROAD TRIP

Why the hell aren't you out there already? Jeez!

ENTER ONLINE WIN! LOADS OF PRIZES!

Hey, midnight rambler! Time, like your sister's morality, is running thin. You've mere days left to saddle up and seize the open road. Fun fact: Road trips date back to the pilgrims who, driving a convoy of go-carts, discovered America and stole it from the dinosaurs. We think you can do better. Did you bong Schlitz at an improvised party in a senior citizen community? Did your friend sleep in a Waffle House dumpster wearing but a bowler hat and a dickey? Did you breakdance-fight your way across the border to Tijuana? Whatever your tales of tomfoolery, they aren't doing any good lodged in your brain next to the unerasable memory of Dad and Uncle Walter in the hot tub. We want to hear 'em, and we're willing to compensate. A glorious prize pack full of trips, gear, and other essential nutrients* is waiting at the finish line to reward you for coming back alive and (relatively) unsodomized. Pull in to maximonline.com/the_ride for the details.

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> MONKEY BUSINESS

GO BANANAS!

WIN!

What monkey site will propagate the species?

When we asked you to quit spanking your monkey and find the most chimptastic sites on the Web, you didn't leave us hangin' around. Clearly, you were in it for the prize: a cuddly ape fondled by our Hometown Hotties. There were many contenders: Little Red Monkey (jason crystal.com/monkey) made us giggle, Block Bonobo Foundation (blockbonobo foundation.org) made us care, and Passed Out Wookies (passedoutwookies.com) brought to mind our own drunk, hairy days (like this morning). Ultimately, trunkmonkey.com was declared the champ chimp. Kudos to **Sam Oberman of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.** But remember, violating an animal (even a stuffed one) is not nearly as much fun as you'd think. Just trust us.

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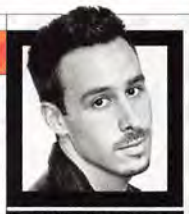


Dov: Slept weird on his neck last night

My wife just had a baby. Well, not really my wife. This girl I know had a baby. Actually, it was just a pregnant chick outside. What I'm trying to say is, I stopped drinking recently. Have you ever been out all night, woken up next to some chick, and it turns out she's got a goatee and a dick? Then you realize he's dead, and you're thinking, *Not again, man. Not again.*

I'm dating a girl. It's not really dating, because I don't have any money, so we just walk around. She'll say something like, "Where are we going?"

I'll be like, "Farther. That way. I told you to eat before you came out."

I was at this girl's house, and I didn't have any condoms. She goes, "That's OK." She hands me a Magnum condom she had in the drawer. A Magnum! The fucking package looks like a CD case. I said, "Thanks. If we go fly-fishing, I can stand in these, like, sea boots."

And this is for the young guys: Never throw a tank top over a light bulb to create mood lighting, because the shit catches fire. We're going at it, and she says, "I smell smoke."

My ego was like, "Yeah!"

She goes, "The house is burning."

I say, "You bet your ass."

She says, "Call the fire department."

I'm like, "*Whoo, whoo, whoo!*"

Visit dovdavidoff.com, or call New York's Comedy Cellar for his next live show.

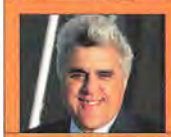
Q: Hear about the flasher who was thinking of retiring?
A: He opted to stick it out a while longer.

LATE NIGHT

TARGET: BASEBALL

MLB wants players to quit the performance-enhancing drugs. . . and you thought the game was slow now.

Craig Ferguson: "Major League Baseball has a new testing policy for every drug. Jason Giambi got confused by the new rules. He thought you were supposed to *try* every drug.



Jay Leno: "Major League Baseball says it will be looking more closely for unusual signs that players are on steroids. Like, for example, if Arizona starts winning."

Conan O'Brien: "Baseball said it's instituting tougher steroid testing. For the first offense, players get a 10-game suspension. For repeat offenses, players will get a batting championship."

THE $200 JOKE!

Open-and-Shut Case

A man with a winking problem applies for a position as a traveling salesman and goes in for an interview.

"Looking at your résumé, I can see that you're more than qualified," says the interviewer. "Unfortunately, we can't have our sales reps constantly winking at customers, so we can't hire you."

"But wait," says the man. "If I take two aspirin, I stop winking."

"Then show me," replies the interviewer.

So the guy reaches into his pants pocket and pulls out a pile of condoms in all different shapes, sizes, and colors before finally finding a packet of aspirin. He pops the pills and immediately stops winking.

"It's great you stopped winking," says the interviewer, "but we can't have our salesmen womanizing all over the country."

"What do you mean?" asks the man. "I'm happily married."

"How do you explain all the condoms?" asks the interviewer.

"Oh, that," sighs the man. "Have you ever walked into a pharmacy, winking, and asked for aspirin?" ***—Kim Rice, Perth, Australia***

Fly Joke

Q: What do you call a black guy who flies a plane for a living?
A: A pilot, you fucking racist.

Clueless

A blonde visits a police precinct looking for a job, so the officer asks her a few questions.

"What's two plus two?" he asks.

"Umm. . . four," the blonde replies.

"And the square root of 100?"

"It's 10."

"OK. Who killed Abraham Lincoln?"

"Oh, I don't know," says the blonde.

"Go home and come back when you know the answer," says the cop.

The blonde goes home and calls one of her friends, who asks if she got the job.

"Not only did I get it," answers the blonde, "but I'm already working on a murder case!"

Cutting the Line

A man goes to the doctor and says, "I was thinking about getting a vasectomy."

"That's a big decision," says the doctor. "Have you talked it over with your family?"

"Yeah," says the man. "They're in favor of it, 15 to 7."

Easy Pickings

One day, a farmer walks through his orchard to a nearby pond, carrying a bucket to bring back some fruit. Once he gets to the pond, he sees two hot girls skinny-dipping. They see him and quickly drop their bodies below the water.

"We're not coming out until you leave!" shouts one of the girls.

"I didn't come to watch you ladies swim naked," says the farmer, holding up the bucket. He continues, "I'm just here to feed the gators."

Love Letters

A hot coed visits a doctor for a physical. After the checkup the doctor says, "Everything looks fine, but why is an *M* imprinted on your stomach?"

"My boyfriend goes to Michigan," she replies. "He loves his school so much that he wears his varsity jacket during sex."

The next day a different coed visits the same doctor, and she also has an *M* on her stomach.

"Let me guess," says the doctor, "your boyfriend goes to Michigan."

"No, but my girlfriend's at Wisconsin."

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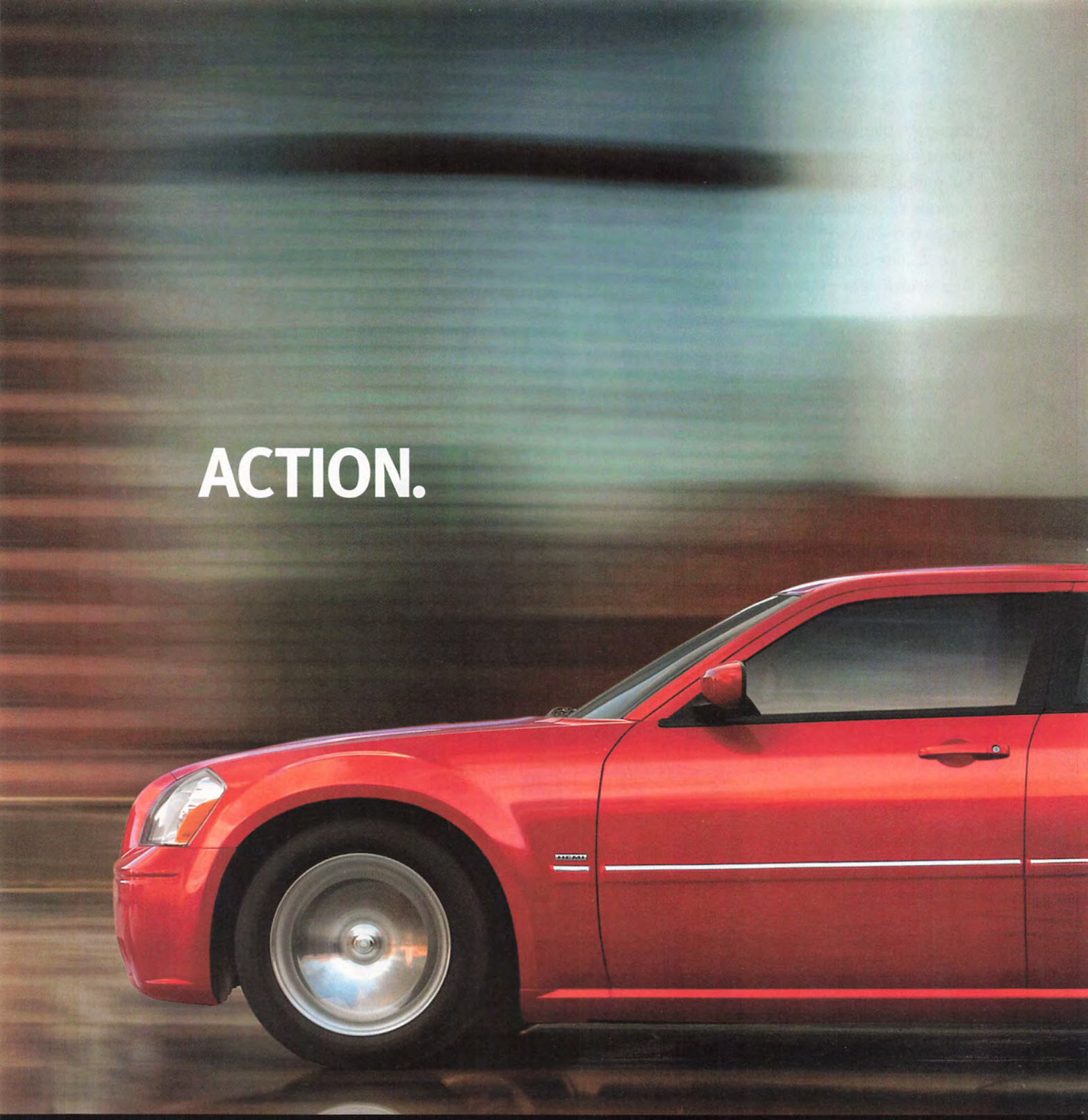
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THE BIG PICTURE

HYBRID PROWLER

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And in her other hand...a hairball as big as a watermelon!

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"Trust me, you'll like this—it's a Roy-kabob."

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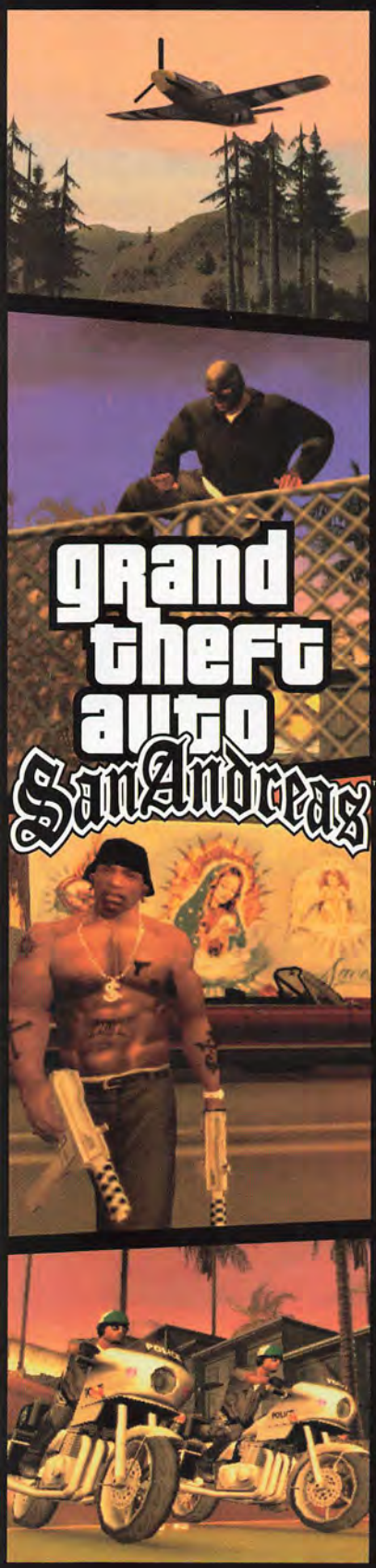

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—Chris Staffieri, Lanoka Harbor, NJ

RUNNER-UP
David's parents tried not to worry when they saw his choice of lollipop, but their fears were confirmed when he lit up a menthol 100 afterward.
—Derek Krol, Saginaw, MI

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER **SPORTS** MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2004

Colon absorbs another pounding

The Angels pitcher is hit in the leg, then chased in a seven-run fourth. Beltre hits two homers as the Dodgers win, 10-5.

By BILL PLUNKETT
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

LOS ANGELES • The Dodgers spent the first two games of their mid-season meeting with the Angels cowering the middle of the lineup that owner Arte Moreno's money has bought.

They have no reason to envy what Moreno is getting so far for the $55 million he will pay Bartolo Colon for the next four seasons.

The Dodgers became the latest team to bother Colon, chasing him with a seven-run fourth inning Sunday at Dodger Stadium on their way to beating the Angels, 10-5.

With the victory the Dodgers snapped a six-game skid and avoided following a sweep by their northern enemy (the Giants) with one by their rivals in Southern California.

"They got me," Colon said, through his interpreter.

That does not make the

MORE ON SPORTS 6

ANGELS: Percival reports no pain after pitching one inning.

DODGERS: Perez will undergo an MRI on his sore left shoulder.

Dodgers unique. Even with a solid performance in his previous start (against the Oakland A's), Colon is now 5-7 with a 6.17 ERA for the Angels. In his past nine starts, he is 1-5 with a 7.87 ERA and 60 hits allowed, including 16 home runs, in 50⅓ innings.

"His command wasn't there," Angels manager Mike

SEE DODGERS • PAGE 6

ANDY TEMPLETON, FOR THE REGISTER
TAGGED: Bartolo Colon watches the Dodgers' Juan Encarnacion circle the bases after hitting a solo homer in the second.

RUNNER-UP
The first few games he was really tense, but since then he's learned to relax and even enjoy the action.—*Jed Fogdell, Long Beach, CA*

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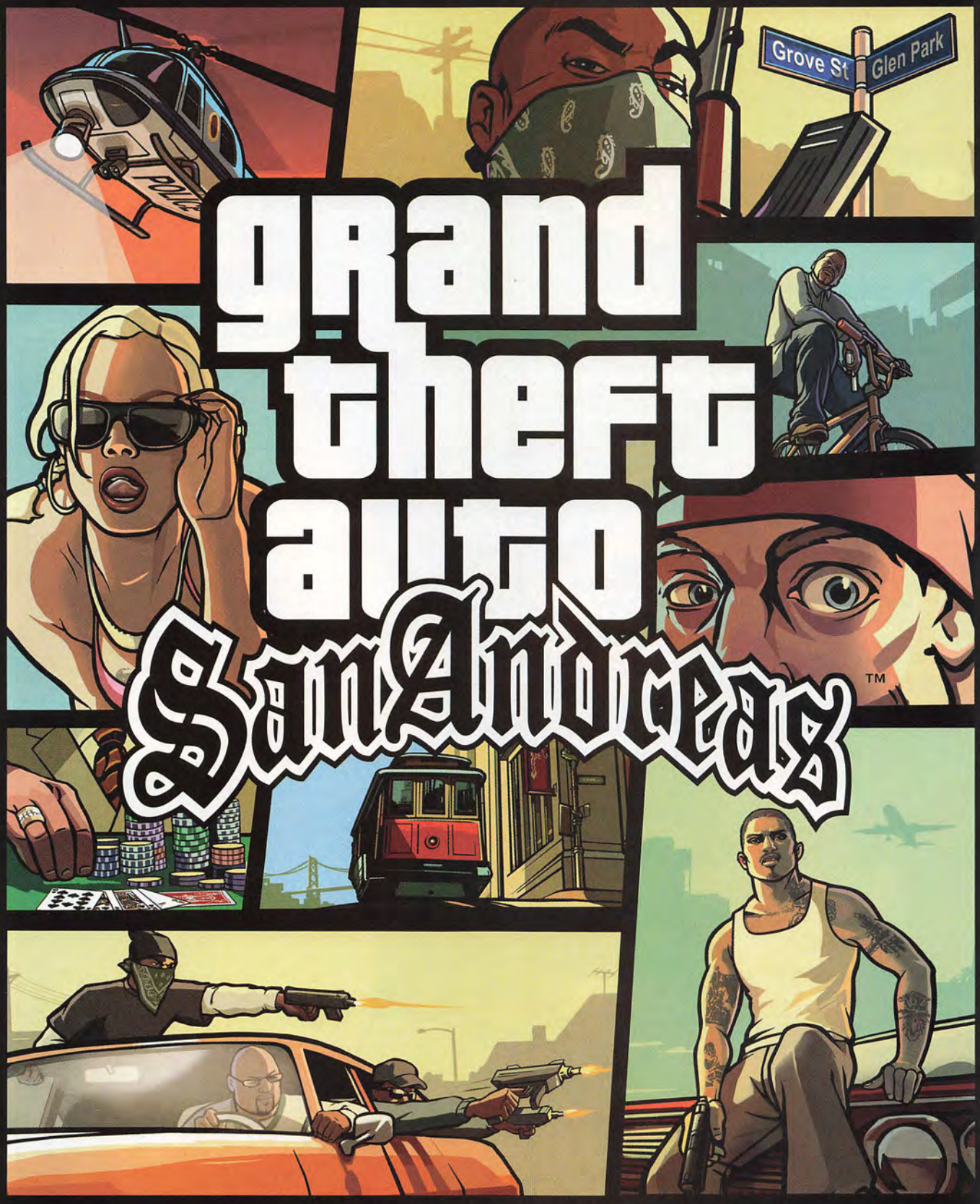
Photographs, Steve Cohen (chew bone, lollipop)



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MAXIM's Hometown Hotties

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BLADE STUNNER

No wonder Heidi rolled right into last year's top 10.

Heidi speaks on perseverance: "A friend saw the Hometown Hotties contest last year and told me about it. I wound up making the top 100. This year I had better pictures so I was like, 'I wanna win.' And here I am."

On being a real working stiff: "I went to the Cayman Islands for vacation and got a job offer at a bar there. I came home, packed, and went back for six months. It was the best thing I've ever done."

On telling us what we like to hear: "I think more like a guy than a woman. I have a subscription to *Maxim*."

On being straight: "I always tell it like it is. Some people don't like it, but at least you know where you stand with me."

On the importance of tolerance: "I love Crown Royal, preferably with 7-Up. It takes eight for me to be drunk. Growing up in Kansas, there was nothing else to do, so we drank."

'05 HOTTIES VOTE NOW! maximonline.com

Thank you, banana peel!

Styling, Emma Carlson; hair, Steven Lake for Alterna at Luxe; makeup, Hiromi Inoko for Luxe

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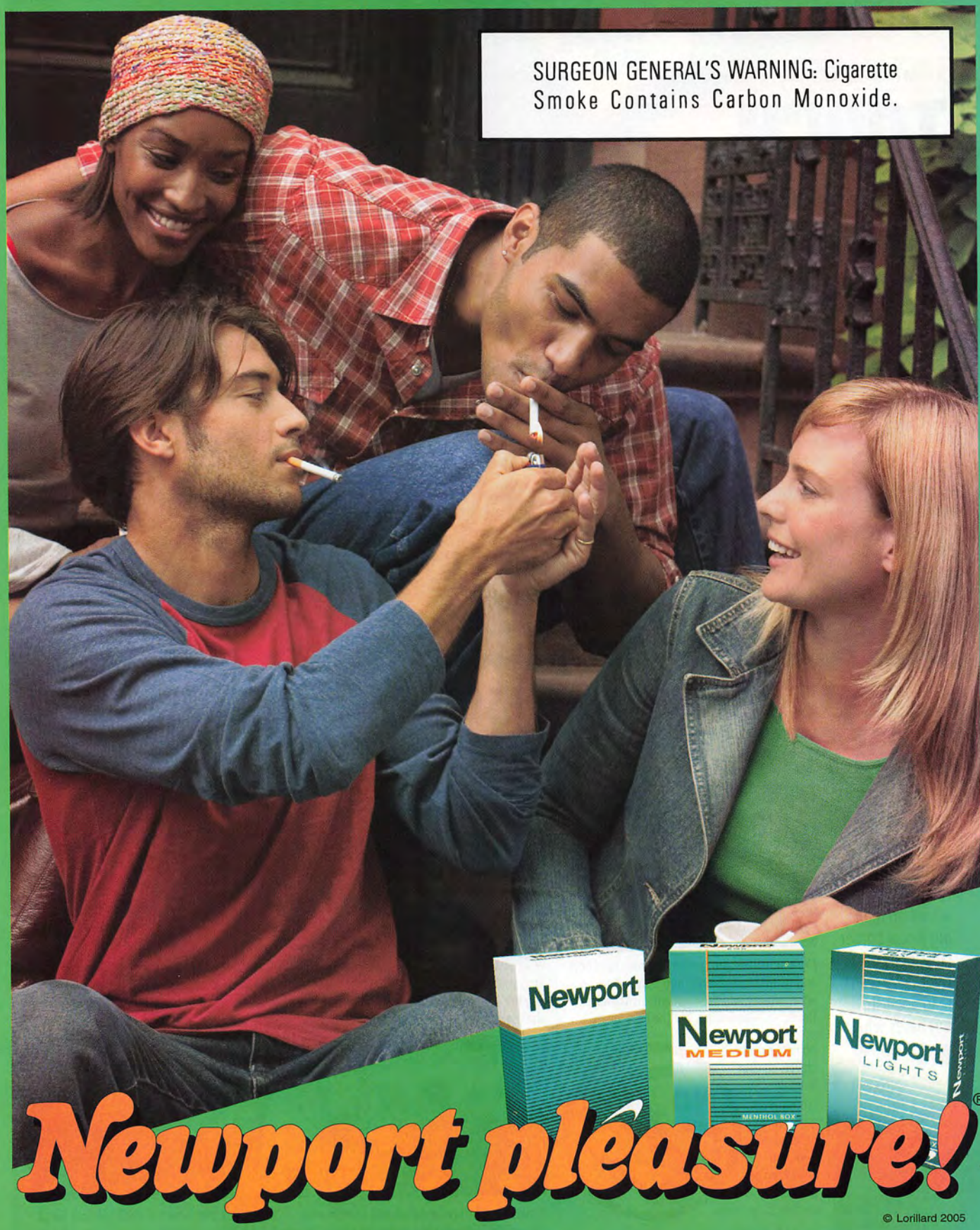

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Man reinvents fire, this time for shits and giggles.

Hunting piglets with a flamethrower puts dinner on the table in half the time

Perhaps James Monaco is forward thinking and planning for the day when zombies stampede through suburban Pittsburgh. Or maybe he's just a bored 19-year-old looking for ways to combine his basic knowledge of plumbing and chemistry with a desire to immolate himself and his closest friends, thereby giving the area newspaper its splashiest headline to date: BEST PALS PLAY WITH FIRE, BURN TO DEATH. Either way, he has a homemade flamethrower and you don't. Essentially, it's just a modified supersoaker with a jury-rigged valve connected by tubes to an airtight, pressurized PVC tank filled with ethanol. But this sumbitch can light a cigarette from the other end of the driveway, shooting a tongue of fire 20 feet long. Monaco's even built in safety valves to prevent the fluid in the nozzle from racing through the tube and into the tank, causing an explosion. The only casualty to date has been a charred swath of his lawn—a small price to pay for charbroiling the undead. Or getting pyro chicks with low self-esteem into bed.

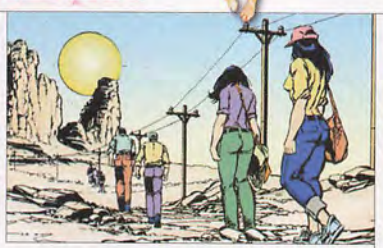
NUTS 'N' BOLTS

TRAVEL GUIDE

RUN FOR THE BORDER

The Mexican government published an illustrated manual with advice on making illegal border crossings into the U.S. We can't read Spanish, but here's what we got from it.

Flip a peso; tails, you strip to your rock-hard pecs and swim the Rio Grande into Texas, where fat white women and their verdant lawns await. Heads, you stand watch, like the lone coyote.



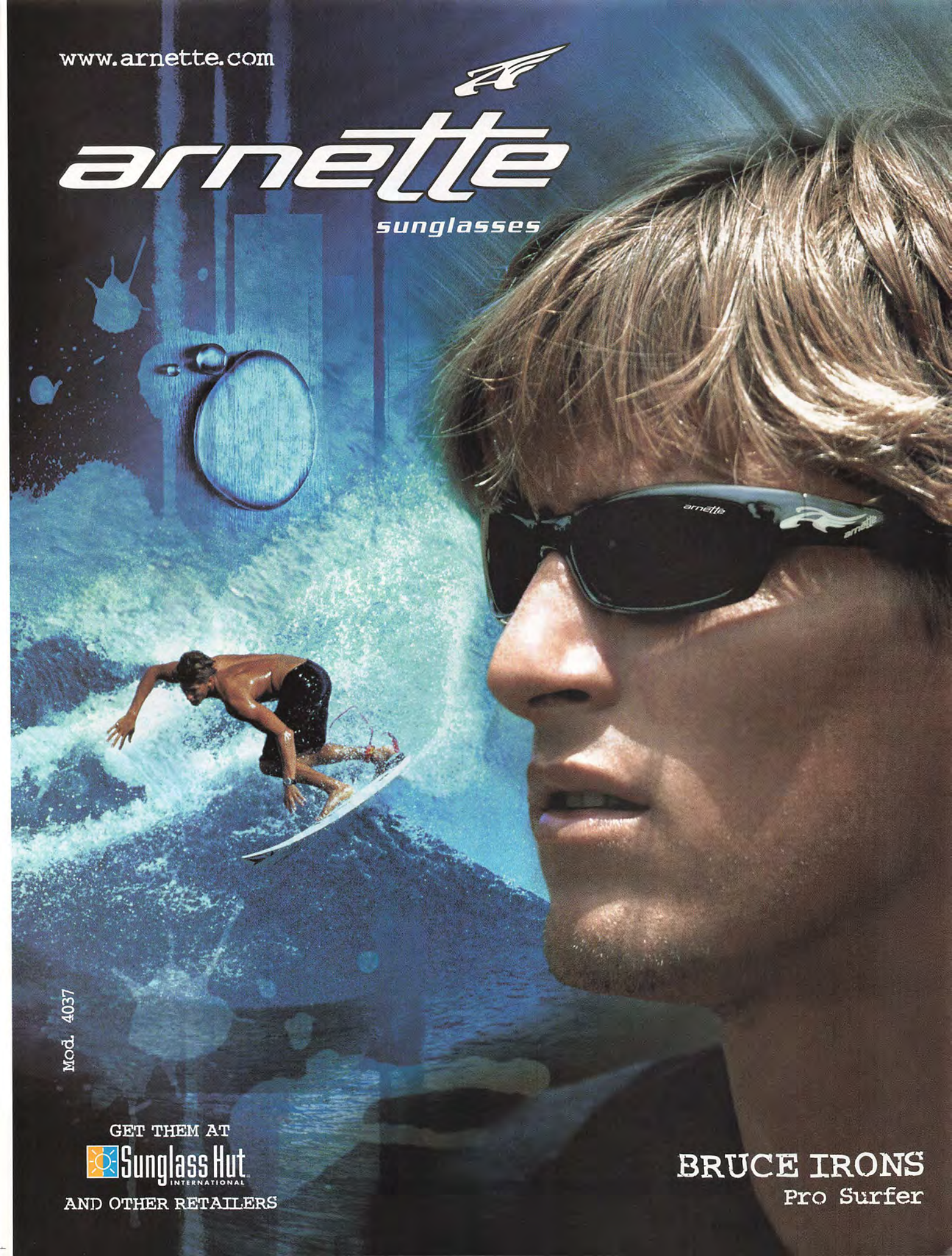
Wear pastels. The bright colors will lift your spirits as you stumble through the desert on your way to a life of redneck beaner jokes. Pastels also make it easy for helicopters to find corpses.

The desert isn't just a barren wasteland—it's also home to various amazing insects. Take a moment to appreciate these rare creatures. Then roast and eat them. You will be hungry.

Do not bring these objects on your journey: screwdrivers, guns, knives, or bread rolls. Guns and knives can be purchased cheaply in America, so buy as you go. Screwdrivers might be used by terrorists to unscrew bridges and other public works.

If caught by the border patrol, stop immediately and act like a cactus. You can identify officers by their tight khaki pants and wide, childbearing hips. They cannot be bribed with tamales.

In America, every day is Pure Gold Dance Fiesta U.S.A.! In the streets the gringos laugh, sing, and enjoy their marvelous freedom, while you get to pick strawberries in the sweltering sun. Olé!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"This thing won't kill nobody? So we can shoot *first*..."

NONLETHAL ARMS

FEEL THE BURN

Microwaves aren't just for nuking popcorn—the military will soon be using them to flash-fry peace-lovin' protesters.

Imagine a marine, besieged by rioters in Baghdad, simply flipping a switch and activating his Humvee's "Active Denial System"—a rooftop dish that radiates microwave energy, causing the Iraqi mob to yelp in pain and scatter. Welcome to the future of crowd control. The ADS projects a beam that heats the water molecules a 64th of an inch below the skin's surface, triggering a person's "holy shit, this hurts" reflex. Set to premiere this year at a lawless Middle Eastern city near you, the ADS has other uses that stagger the fascist mind.

TERRORIST HORDES ▶
Not all disgruntled Iraqis are homicidal insurgents—most just want shrapnel-free lives—but why risk it? By roasting the throng with a space gun, you've covered all bases.

▲ LATE-NIGHT PARTY STRAGGLERS
It's almost four in the morning, and drunken Detroit Pistons fans with bloodshot eyes are fighting in the street and puking in your mailbox. The ADS will send the leeches scurrying back to their decrepit homes.

▲ HIPPY PROTESTERS
Whatever your politics, harmlessly igniting the hides of these spoiled brats and their sensitive tribal tattoos is the best way to answer their worn-out tantrums.

◀ WAL-MART MOM STAMPEDES
Easier than cattle prods, the ADS is the best way to subdue the human avalanche that usually accompanies the 85-percent-off-TVs-built-by-Asian-toddlers sale.

TOY CHEST

TRASH TALK

It's a doll that speaks redneckese. Which phrases are Turleen's?

1. "SMOKES ARE THE VICE YOU DON'T NEED HANDS TO ENJOY."
2. "POUR ME A DOUBLE—I'M DRINKIN' FOR TWO."
3. "IF GOD WANTED FOLK TO WEAR SHOES, WHY'D HE CREATE BUNIONS?"
4. "IF THE TRAILER'S A-ROCKIN', DON'T COME A-KNOCKIN'!"
5. "TRUST ME, SWEET PEA—THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN! NOW GET THEM PANTS OFF."

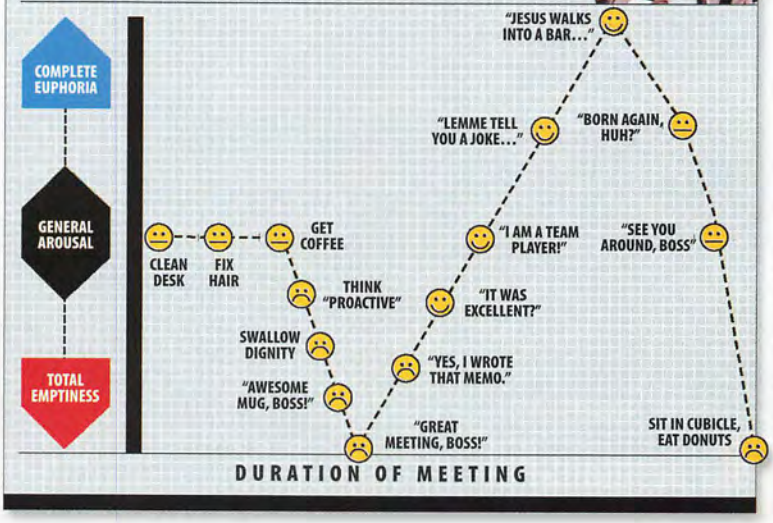
> FUN FACT!

A Kentucky law mandates that citizens bathe once a year. More government dictatorship?

THE HALF-LIFE OF...

YOUR NEW BOSS

First impressions are everything, especially with the new guy who keeps you in beer loot.



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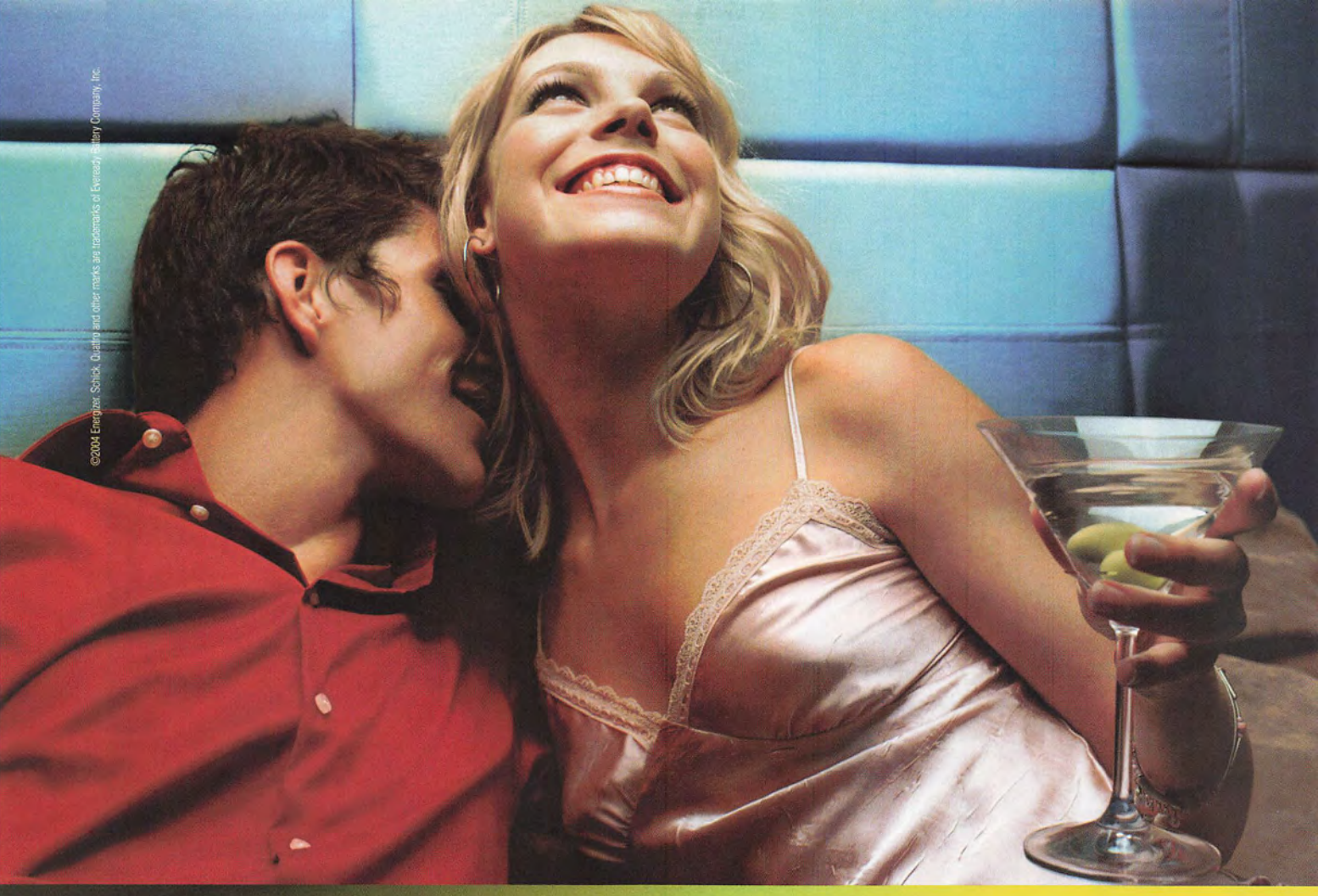

The new Schick Quattro Midnight works like you. Day and night.

Introducing the new Schick Quattro Midnight. 4 blades. 2 conditioning strips. 1 smooth face.

Who won the pillow fight? *We did.*

WOMEN YOU'LL NEVER SEE IN MAXIM

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Good things come in pairs, like Twinkies, bunny slippers, kidneys. . . and First Daughters Jenna and Barbara Bush.

Born November 25, 1981, this Texas twosome burst into the public eye and our dirtiest dreams—right after Daddy moved into the Oval Office. The West Wing's favorite margarita-slurping party princesses weren't content to project Chelsea's Victorian bookworm vibe, so these bar-dancing vixens went on a college bender, getting busted for flashing fake IDs, drinking underage, and generally embarrassing the White House with girls-gone-wild aplomb. Is there any wonder our blue jeans tighten at seeing them swaddled in morals-compromising lingerie?

After playing giggling podium jockeys for their dad on the campaign trail, graduating from college (Jenna went to the University of Texas, while Babs went to the family fallback school, Yale), and finally turning legal, what lofty peaks will these privileged wonder twins scale next? The short answer: piña colada bongs! The longer answer: Jenna has her sights set on teaching in D.C., and Barbara is interested in working with people with AIDS. So to all you country-club-hopping Republican royals—game on! And to the rest of us, enjoy these make-believe snaps taken in the rumpus room of an undisclosed location before a well-armed phalanx of Secret Service agents takes us down, and takes us down hard.

Styling, prop styling, Cannon for Oliver Piro; hair, Giusi Sulis; grooming, Marisa Fazzina

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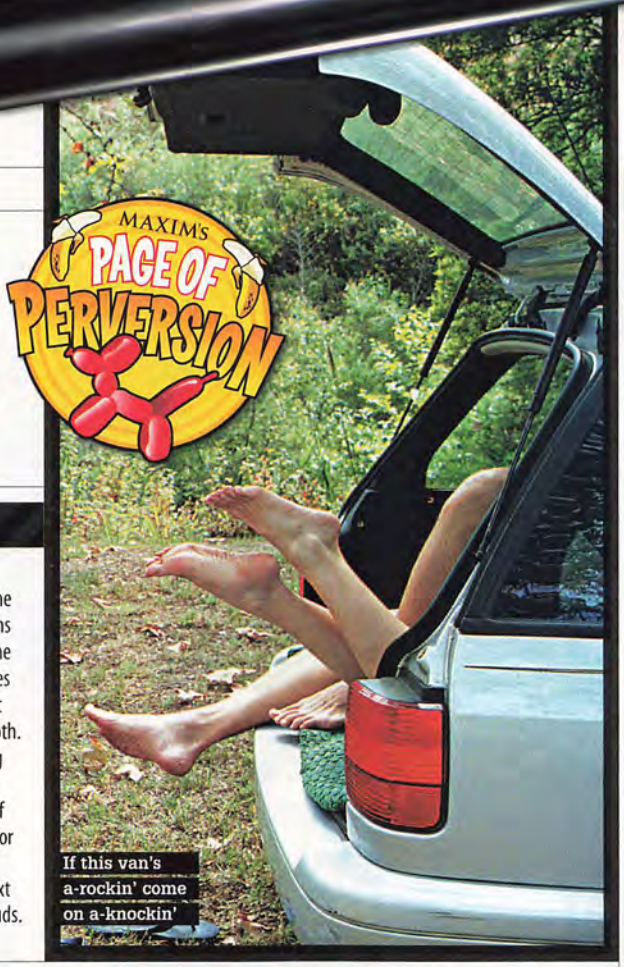
UP AND COMING

FREAK VIAGRA

If these fetishes turn you on, stop having sex. You might breed.



If this van's a-rockin' come on a-knockin'

DOGGING

Those uptight limeys love any excuse to unbutton their knickers, then scamper into the shadows and defile each other. Which explains "dogging," where doughy couples screw in the backseats of parked cars while drooling blokes with stupid haircuts press their noses against the window and pound themselves into a froth. A retro '70s kink, today's couples use dogging Web sites to post when and where they'll be publicly showcasing their pudding-stuffing. If you're lucky you can join in—the holy grail for puritans who hate to love to screw.
Beware: Flash the interior lights and the next thing you know your car is covered in man suds. *(swingingheaven.co.uk/dogging)*

TOOTHING

Ever walk down a street and think, *Are any of the women within 30 feet of me into anonymous sex?* Find your dream with toothing, a year-old British pastime that unites technology and genitals. Use your cell phone's Bluetooth capability to find the cell of a chirpy who'll agree on a sordid site to get it on.
Beware: The sport is sausage-heavy. Be careful who you invite to the loo. *(toothing.blogspot.com)*

GIRLS IN CARS STUCK IN MUD

She had never felt so dirty in her entire life

"I think I dropped my dignity."

Men can't resist a damsel in distress—so enter carstuckgirls.com. A $77 DVD nets you an hour or so of scantily clad Eurosluts desperately trying to free their rides from mud pits. Stupid girls! They can't drive . . . and their heaving breasts are slathered in hot, sticky mud. Those filthy, dirty, delicious wenches. Mmmud.
Beware: No matter how many miles you tread, you just won't find a model in a thong off-roading post-monsoon. So just sit on your couch, cover it in sod, and light some transmission fluid. *(carstuckgirls.com)*

CUDDLE PARTY

"Hey, I smell an erection!"

It's an orgy only a nun or a turtleneck-wearing New Yorker could love. Simply don p.j.'s and snuggle up with other needy strangers as a limp-wristed guide lectures on the sensuality of nonsexual interpersonal touching. For the low, low price of $30, you can spend three and a half hours sandwiched between a flannel-wrapped broken wing and a middle-aged broker whose wife is so frigid he'd rather spoon with you.
Beware: In the unlikely event that your impotence is suddenly cured, the "Cuddle Life Guard" will enforce Rule #7: No dry-humping allowed. Weirdos. *(cuddleparty.com)*

CLOWN PORN

Underneath the rubber noses and colorful wigs, clowns just want to blow their love confetti on a willing coed's hood ornaments. For a mere $25, *Clown Porn* brings you 90 minutes of face-paint-smeared smut. Worried you're not ready to, as the film's narrator says, "Take a ride on the *mime* side"? Ease in with the two-on-one scene, and soon you'll be past the balloon-animal-heavy lesbo vignette and into the dramatic incest finale. Turns out clowns really *can* do more than just make terminally ill children cry.
Blowback: Abuse of clown porn can result in spontaneous orgasms around balloons, honking horns, and rubber chickens. *(ramcoproductions.com)*

Illustration by Jon Rogers

WEB BYTES Which of these freaks still has a v-card? **okcupid.com/virgin**

BASIC CHEMISTRY

TOXIC AVENGERS

They might be poisoning you. We don't know *who*, but here's how...

POISON: HEMLOCK
What it is: A weed (not the fun kind) native to Europe and North Africa.
How it kills you: Its toxic alkaloids cause seizures, followed by ascending paralysis and coma, with death by respiratory failure. Whee!
Celeb victim: Greek philosopher and toga commando Socrates.

POISON: DIOXIN
What it is: A man-made organic compound that's the by-product of some forms of waste incineration. Stupid environmentalists.
How it kills you: It slowly wreaks havoc on internal organs. Adding insult to injury, cysts and dark patches erupt all over the skin.
Celeb victim: It made Ukrainian president Viktor Yushchenko look like Edward James Olmos, only without the fake gravitas.

POISON: CYANIDE
What it is: Used to make textiles, paper, and plastics, it's colorless as a gas and smells a little like almonds, the evilest nut.
How it kills you: Cyanide suffocates cells, causing victims to vomit, stumble, and convulse before the respiratory system craps out.
Celeb victim: Cult leader Jim Jones and 900 of his bestest pals, in Guyana in 1978.

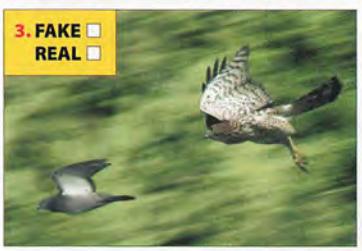
POISON: RICIN
What it is: Castor bean extract.
How it kills you: Inhaled, it causes the lungs to fill with fluid; when injected, it minces your guts.
Celeb victim: Soviet dissident Georgi Markov, done in with a poison-tipped umbrella.

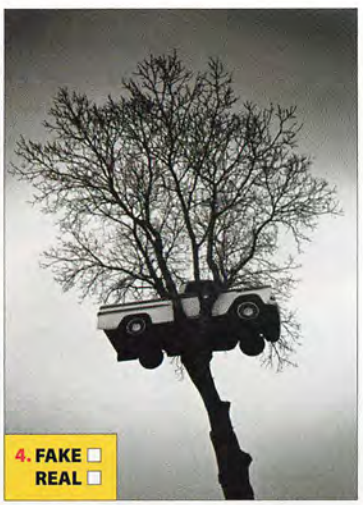
Mary Poppins, CIA assassin

EYE EXAM

FAUXTOS

Some of these pics are real, some are bunk. But which is which?





>FUN FACT!

Andrew Jackson's pet parrot got the boot from the ex-president's 1845 funeral for swearing.

WEB BYTES

Jumprope: now with less whimsy, more gratuitous gore. **blibs.com/rytrix/flash/barbjump.html**

Answers: Fake: 3, 5

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STITCH IN TIME

CHICKS DIG SCARS

We asked for manly mutilations. Thanks.

FLESH WOUNDS RULE!

▼ RUGBY BURN
"During my first rugby game of my senior season, my arm literally broke in two. Two metal plates and a few screws later, I was all fixed up."—*Mark*

PURPLE HEARTS ▶
"We were deployed off the Iraqi coast when a nearby fishing boat on a suicide mission exploded. Three of our men were killed. This site is about those heroes: http://members.cavtel.net/alandaily/page9.htm."—*Alan*

CUT-UP ▶
"This is my right wrist after an aluminum beam fell on it. I was helping my dad put up scaffolding. It was pretty much like a huge serrated knife going through my arm. I got 15 staples and 20 stitches."—*Kevin*

◀ ON GUARD
"I tried to make a sharp curve at 90 mph on my motorcycle, but no luck. I slid up under the guard rail and my leg caught the I-beam that the guard rail is attached to. It peeled off my skin like filleting a fish."—*Chuck*

▲ HARD TO HANDLE
"This is a scar from a pro-am motocross racing accident. The handlebar nailed my leg after I landed off a jump into a corner. It caused some internal bleeding, and I spent a month lying in bed."—*Joe*

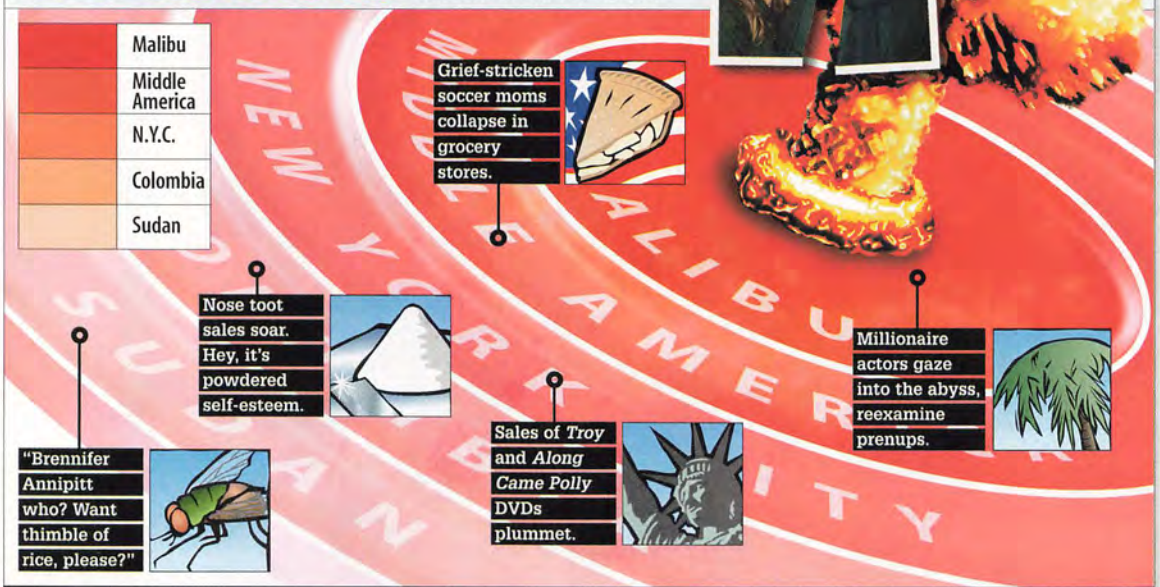
CUT UP

SLICE O' LIFE
E-mail pics of your own gnarly wounds, along with the whole sob story of how you got 'em, to **scarface@maximmag.com.**

CAUSE AND EFFECT

AFTERSHOCKS

Brad and Jennifer's separation was felt around the world.



FUN FACT!

A rhinoceros produces up to 60 freakin' pounds of droppings in a single day.

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Newbies always get stuck with the ugly parade balloons

WORLD EVENTS

THOSE WACKY FOREIGNERS!

See how other "countries" are keeping busy.

STRONGMAN HOLES UP BEFORE LATEST FEAT

Czech Republic A Slovakian-born man pulled a locomotive using braided cables attached to 14 rods skewered through the skin of his back. Ladislav Hanzel, resembling Mr. Clean five years into a White Castle and Schlitz diet, dragged the 88-ton behemoth along a railway in Brno for 27 seconds, hauling it roughly 15 feet before giving up. The feat not only earned the chunky engine that could a Czech record, but gave hope to young Eastern Europeans who dream of one day achieving their own pointless, short-lived glory.

UNLUCKY WOMAN GETS PIECE OF SOMEONE'S MIND

Chile A Santiago pharmacist expecting a shipment of mushrooms by mail opened a package and found that she'd been delivered a human brain instead. Horrified at receiving gray matter rather than the fungi she needed for testing, Susana Erana rang up the cops. *Los policías* discovered that the brain was mailed from the town of Curicó and originally intended for a Santiago morgue. According to a police spokesperson blessed with exceptional powers of deduction, "Something went wrong."

MAN ELECTROCUTED, FAILS TO GAIN SUPERPOWERS

China An electrician received an on-the-job shock so powerful that it blew a book-size hole in his chest and left his heart exposed to the open air. After the accident, Zhu Ming, a 34-year-old from the Jiangsu province, underwent two operations to clear out charred tissue but had to wait nearly three months before the grisly gaping maw in his torso could be patched up. Physicians predict a full recovery for Zhu Ming as long as he avoids infection and overzealous post-touchdown chest-thumping.

TRAVELER LOSES SHOE WHILE ON VACATION

Costa Rica A vacationing German professor woke up in an airport to find his leg missing. Ronald Jurisch, a 50-year-old from Dessau, had gone to a San José hospital to treat a diabetes-related swelling in his left leg. "I heard the word 'amputate' and protested, but they gave me drugs and I blacked out," Jurisch explained. "Then I woke up in the lounge." Back in the Fatherland, he needed 23 surgeries to repair the damage done by the loco doctors.

Keebler gang weapon

AUTO EROTICISM

SIT N' SPIN

Jeep's zero-radius concept vehicle helps you go nowhere fast.

Jeep's recent off-roaders have appealed mostly to soccer moms and pot-addled college kids. But now the brand is finally recognizing the needs of mountain goat herders with the Hurricane. Powered by *two* 5.7-liter, 335 bhp hemi engines—one in front, one in back—the vehicle can do a sub-five-second 0–60 run. But what's really unique is the four-wheel steering that lets the Hurricane drive sideways or spin in place like a middle manager. It will probably never hit showrooms, but Jeep says some of the design elements will pop up in later models and military vehicles. Sweet!

"Real funny, guys. Now give me back my axles."

> FUN FACT!

A human body has enough iron to make a three-inch nail. No, geek, you are not "almost Wolverine."

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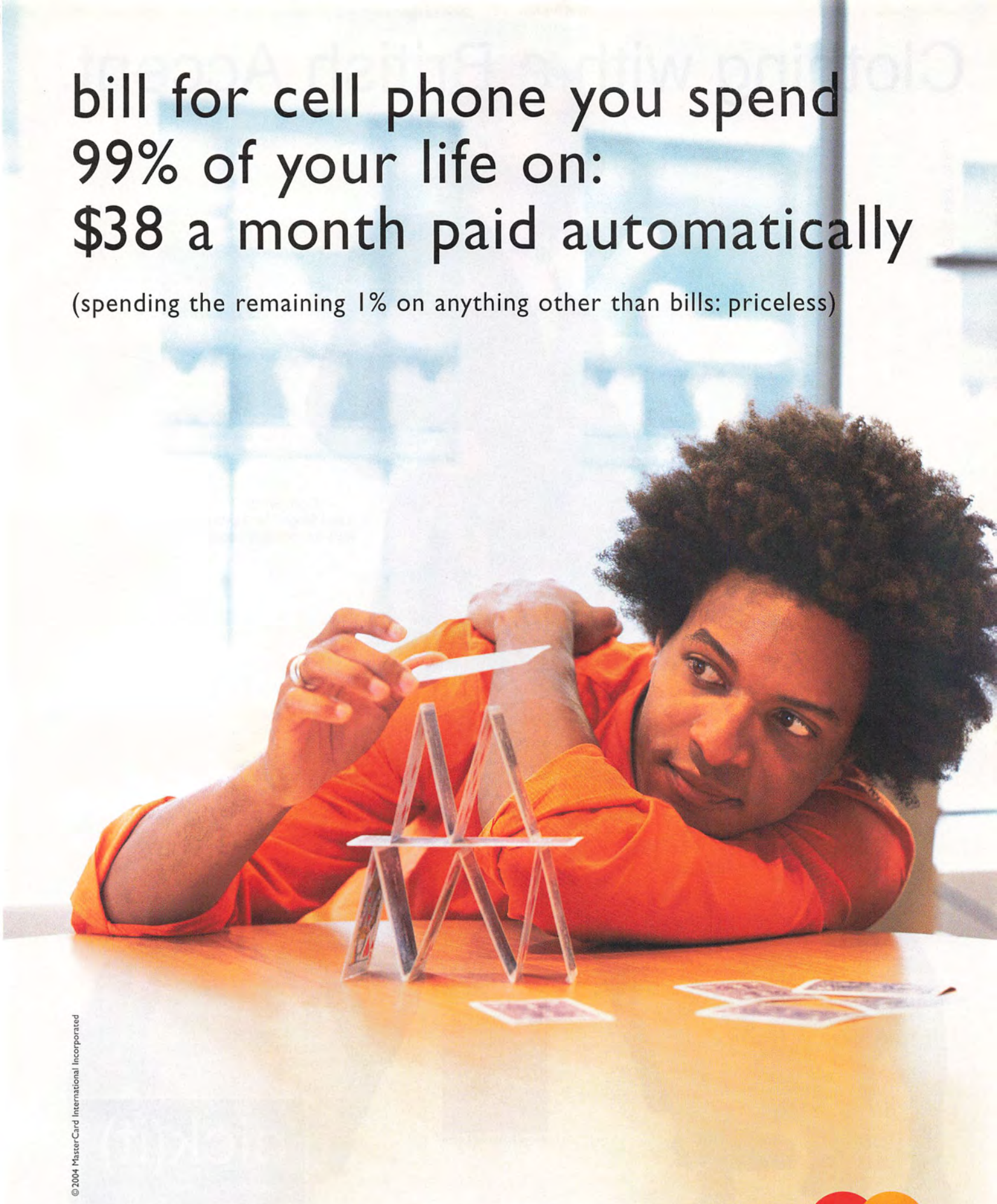

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HOW TO

LIKE A SURGEON

TRANSPLANT AN ORGAN

What good is snagging a bargain kidney on eBay if you can't put it in?

1 OPEN UP

You have 24 hours before a donor organ becomes cat food (four to six for a heart or lungs), so get ready. While your team flies back with the goods, hack open your patient to expose the bum part. But start early: This takes hours because inflammation and scar tissue gunk up the works, and nothing looks like it does in the Visible Man. "You have to snip away till you get to something that looks like the vital structures," says James Mault, M.D., one of only 100 or so cardiothoracic transplant surgeons in the U.S. "There is no room for error; their organs can't recover from even a minor mistake." No pressure or anything.

2 CLAMP DOWN

Time it right and the old organ is ready to come out just as the new one arrives (except with kidneys, which actually stay in the body). But before you do anything irreversible, make sure the blood type matches . . . and that your patient actually came in for a transplant. "The moment you clamp, say, an old heart, you'll never get it started again," Dr. Mault explains. Assuming things check out, place clamps on the native organ's main artery and vein and cut them on the organ side of the clamp. Then unleash a battle cry as you pull that sucker out *Temple of Doom*–style. Face paint and codpiece optional.

3 TIE OFF

Plop the new organ in the hole (new kidneys get shoved into the groin area) and connect it to the severed artery and vein using circular stitches from the original vessels to the new ones. Make the edges flush to prevent leakage or narrowing of the tubes, both of which can be fatal. Have the anesthesiologist administer antirejection medication, then remove the clamps and watch for blood flow. "That thing is cold, limp, and pale—suddenly it turns pink and stiffens up," says Dr. Mault. (Sound familiar?) Then have a lowly resident close up as you speed off in your Carrera Turbo. Yeah, you've earned it.

Styling and prop styling, Liz Engelhardt; hair, Regee Drummer for Oliver Piros; grooming, Marisa Fazzina

BY CRAIG BETTER PHOTOGRAPH BY BRADFORD NOBLE

Nice, but a boob in the hand is worth two in the bush

CUTTING UP

TRIM YOUR BUSH

Sculpt your shrubs into a fantastical wonderland of breathtaking topiaries—and raise your property value, too.

"I don't want people to know I'm white."

1 PREPARE YOUR SHRUB

Every artist needs a proper canvas, so choose yours wisely. "We use boxwood, yew, and privet because they're dense," explains Jim Donahue, the horticulturist who oversees Newport, Rhode Island's famed Green Animals topiary garden. If you don't have any of those, search your yard for a full, not too woody bush you wouldn't mind decimating. Then, to guide your shaky hand, spray-paint a silhouette of your masterpiece on it. For best results, keep it simple, Michelangelo.

2 PARE IT DOWN

Pros usually cut the bush back first to force the new growth needed to make a truly bitchin' tope, waiting a year or two for the shrub's return to form. "We cut it slightly smaller than the final dimensions so that when it resprouts, it's denser," says Donahue. The impatient can just ready the bush by clearing out all the dead branches, weeds, and homeless guys dwelling there, then use electric hedge trimmers ($30 at Home Depot) to remove excess greenery quickly. To each his own.

3 MASTER THE DETAILS

When you get close to your spray-paint silhouette, switch to pruning shears ($20), which allow more precision for tricky detail work. At this point you'll face that old dilemma: life vs. beauty. If you lop off more than 1/3 of the bush's foliage, it'll probably croak, but if you pussyfoot it, you may not get the result you desire. Our suggestion? Any shrub that can't withstand a little pruning doesn't deserve to live, so carve your sculpture into shape without fear of the consequences. This is *art*, dammit.

MIND GAMES

HYPNOTIZE A HOTTIE

Use these tips to brainwash your way to everlasting love.

1 LOOK CLOSELY

Sadly, traditional hypnosis requires a girl's *cooperation*, so opt for neurolinguistic programming, a much subtler form of mind control. First, note her unconscious behavior, says master hypnotist Asad Mecci of hypnohype.com: "Is she smiling? Is her head tilted? Are her arms and legs crossed or uncrossed?" And we shouldn't have to say this, but don't let her catch you staring.

2 MATCH UP

Now it's time to follow. If she smiles, you smile. If she blinks, you blink. Keep her off the scent with variations: If she tilts her head one way, tilt yours the other. If she crosses her arms, cross your legs. You can also mimic speech patterns, gestures, even breathing. "With every move you build her unconscious trust," explains Mecci. And make her *way* more relaxed with you than she should be.

3 BE A LEADER

After a few minutes of this, smoothly take advantage of your unconscious rapport by getting *her* to follow *your* moves. When you cross your legs again, she should cross her arms. When you slow your speech, she'll slow hers. She'll be so at ease with you, she may even say something like, "Have we met before?" In which case, friend, you are in.

4 MASTER HER MIND

Now that she's matching your physical state, bring her to your emotional level—which is, ideally, happy and horny. Casually mention that you'd like to see her again, then man up and ask to trade numbers. Just pray she doesn't realize yours is the one that's already been showing up on her caller ID.

You *will* be impressed by our ability to speak Klingon!

READER TIPS

SALVAGE A CD

To play a scratched CD one last time, and burn it, rub with a little toothpaste. It may buff out the scratches.

—Nick Vasquez
Plano, TX

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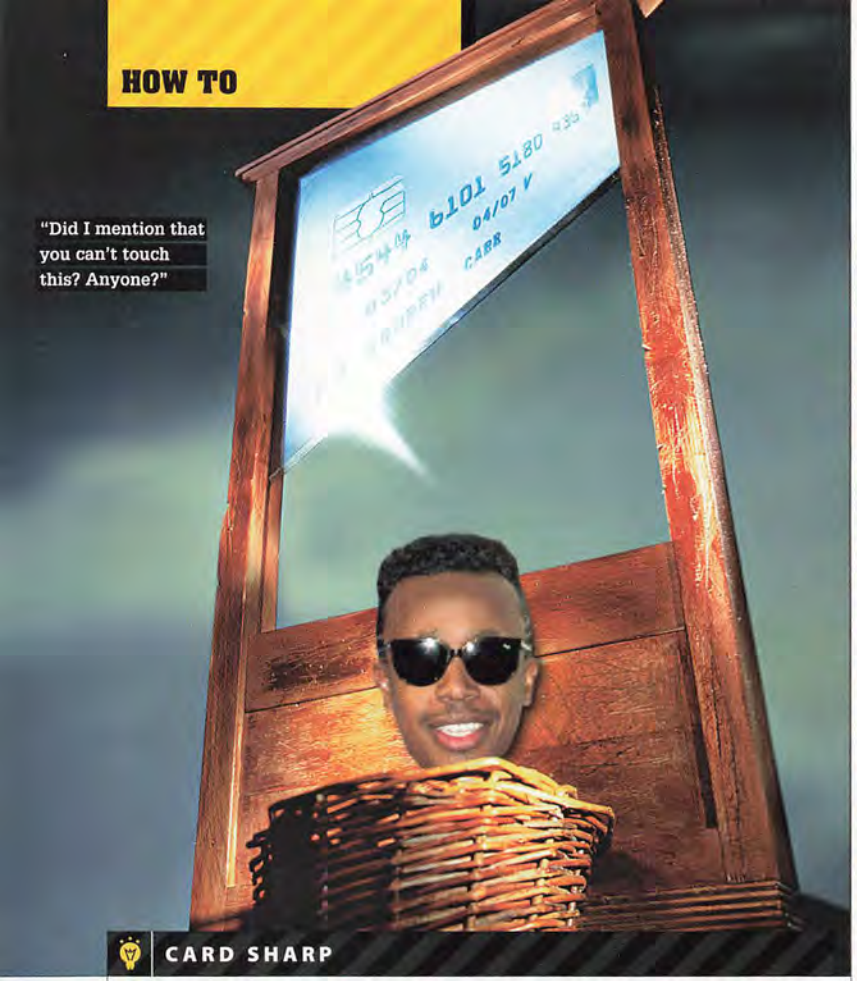


"Did I mention that you can't touch this? Anyone?"

CARD SHARP

BOOST YOUR CREDIT RATING

Trick the bank into thinking you'll actually pay them back!

1 KNOW THE RULES

Your credit rating is simply a measure of your long-term financial trustworthiness. Dumb shit you did five years ago, like not paying off that signed pair of Hasselhoff panties you charged on eBay, can prevent you from renting an apartment or getting a loan today. That's because your creditors report your payment activity to credit bureaus, where it stays on file for *seven years*. Every time you apply for more credit, the bureaus calculate your score, and creditors use that to decide whether to grant you a loan and how much interest to charge. And to make you cry.

2 BEFRIEND THE WEALTHY

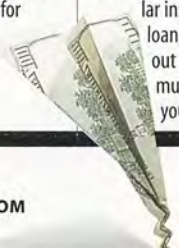
If somehow you have *no* credit history, become an authorized user on the card of someone with a long, solid record. "Even though you're not paying the bills, you get instant positive credit," says Stacie Boilard, president of Maine Credit Consulting. As for the rest of you, if your rating is below 620 (out of 850), it needs fixin'. Get free copies of your report at annualcreditreport.com. If you find mistakes, write to the offending bureau, circling the errors and including receipts to back yourself up. Provided you're not full of shit, they'll investigate your claim within 30 days.

3 CONTROL YOUR CARDS

Don't go crazy with plastic; any more than four cards and you're just being a big girl. Plus, having too many "inquiries" (applications for credit from different institutions) costs you points. "Be choosy about who pulls your credit," says Jeanne Kelly, president of the Kelly Group, a personal credit consultancy. And don't open any new credit accounts less than four months before applying for a loan. A short "length of credit history" works against you because creditors need to know you before they'll lend cash. How rude!

4 RAISE YOUR LIMITS

Keep your revolving debt, which has no fixed payment amount or term, low; anything over 20 to 25 percent of your credit limit lowers your score. You *could* do this by paying down your debt, but why not just up your limit? Many companies allow this if you let them deduct regular payments from your bank account. Need a lot of dough? Get a regular installment loan, not a home-equity loan, as the latter is viewed as a maxed-out line of revolving credit. And how much can you really borrow against your parents' basement anyway?



PUMP IT UP

GET FIT, NO SWEAT

Follow this low-impact advice and one day you just might be able to see your shoes!

Cream and sugar will sabotage this. Duh.

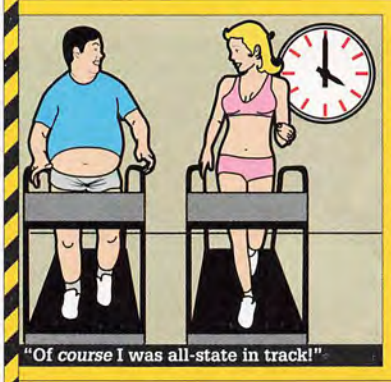
1 CHUG JOE

First thing in the morning, gulp down a cup of black coffee, then wait 45 minutes before eating breakfast. "This maximizes the amount of weight you burn through caffeine," says diet guru Chris Aceto. Cocaine does the same thing, but it's a little more expensive.

Bonus: You can tell girls you're "worldly."

2 BE GREEN

Before lunch, drink green tea. "It contains caffeine and polyphenols, which increase metabolism to help burn calories and fat," says Aceto, creator of nutramedia.com. Two or three cups a day also helps fill your stomach, so you won't eat as much. In theory.



"Of *course* I was all-state in track!"

3 MOUTH OFF

Pick out a cute treadmill tart, grab the machine next to hers, and try out lines for a half-hour (while, yes, running). A U. of Wisconsin-La Crosse study shows working out at a level where you can just barely converse is ideal for getting la . . . er, burning fat.

"Does this steak make me look fat?"

4 SKIP BREAD

Recent studies show scarfing carbs late at night is especially bad for weight gain. Avoid them a few hours before bed, says Jim Stoppani, Ph.D, science editor at *Muscle & Fitness*. But protein's fair game, so tear into Mom's rump roast. (Everyone else has!)

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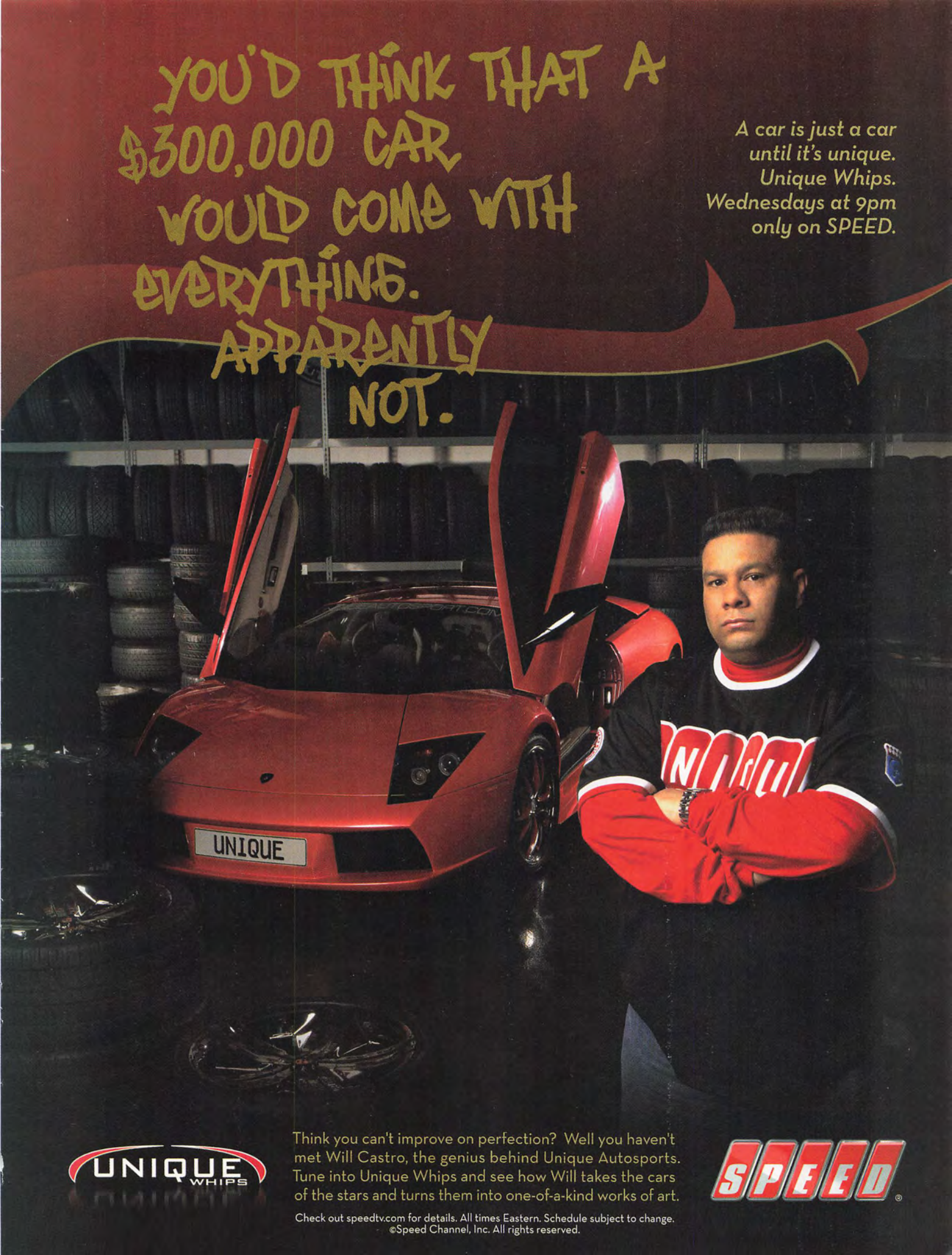
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SQUEEZE PLAY

PINCH AWAY PAIN

Relieve discomfort, stress, and other troubles by touching yourself. No, not *there*.

You've got a splitting headache, but those damn neighborhood kids swiped all your opium suppositories again? Luckily, there's acupressure! Last year an Austrian study proved it can soothe nausea, and it's used to treat everything from morning sickness to cerebral palsy. "It relieves stress and tension, increasing circulation to promote healing," explains Michael Reed Gach, Ph.D., author of *Acupressure's Potent Points: A Guide to Self-Care for Common Ailments*. First, find your pansy-ass problem here. Then, while taking long, deep breaths, apply firm pressure to the corresponding area for one to two minutes. And let us know if you find a cure for loneliness. *Sigh.*

STUFFY NOSE
In the indentations of the eye sockets, where the nose meets the eyebrows

CONCENTRATION
In the depression of the temples, a half-inch outside of the eyebrows

MUSCLE TONE
Below the kneecap, just outside the shinbone (but we're not promising anything)

FRUSTRATION
In the center of each butt cheek (get your cellie to help you)

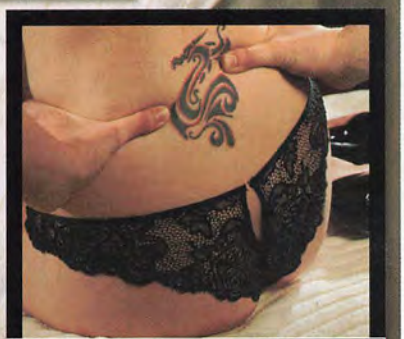
ANXIETY
In the center of the breastbone, two to three inches above the base of the bone

HEADACHES
On top of the foot, in between the big toe and the second toe

COUGHING
At the center of the meaty pad at the base of the thumb

HANGOVER
In the webbing between the thumb and index finger, at the muscle

NAUSEA
In the middle of the inner side of the forearm, two inches from the wrist crease



MUSCLE FATIGUE
On the lower back at waist level, two to three inches to the left and right of the spinal cord

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SAVE YOURSELF

HAGGLE

Negotiate that Turbo Fryolator down to a fraction of the price!

LOWER YOUR STANDARDS

Look for stuff a vendor wants to move anyway, says expert negotiator Ed Brodow. Find older models, ones labeled "irregular," and those with makeshift or damaged packaging. Then ask for an added discount.

WORK THE PACKAGE DEAL

If a guy sells dress shirts for $20 but plugs a special of three for $45, say, "That's $15 apiece. How about one for $15?" The worst he'll do is call you a damn cheapskate.

TALK YOUR ASS OFF

Peppering the dealer with questions not only *(1)* lets you butter him up and *(2)* gives you critical info, but most importantly *(3)* wastes his precious time. If you monopolize the minutes it normally takes him to close three sales, it suddenly becomes in his interest to close a deal *no matter what*.

"You give us box of Ho Hos and we won't shoot your Yankee ass full of lead. Deal?"

CRACK A JOKE

Ask for a senior discount—even if you're 18. You might get a laugh, and a deal, out of it. "I always ask for a veteran's discount, then tell them I fought in the Spanish-American War," says Brodow. "Works all the time."

BLUFF IT OUT

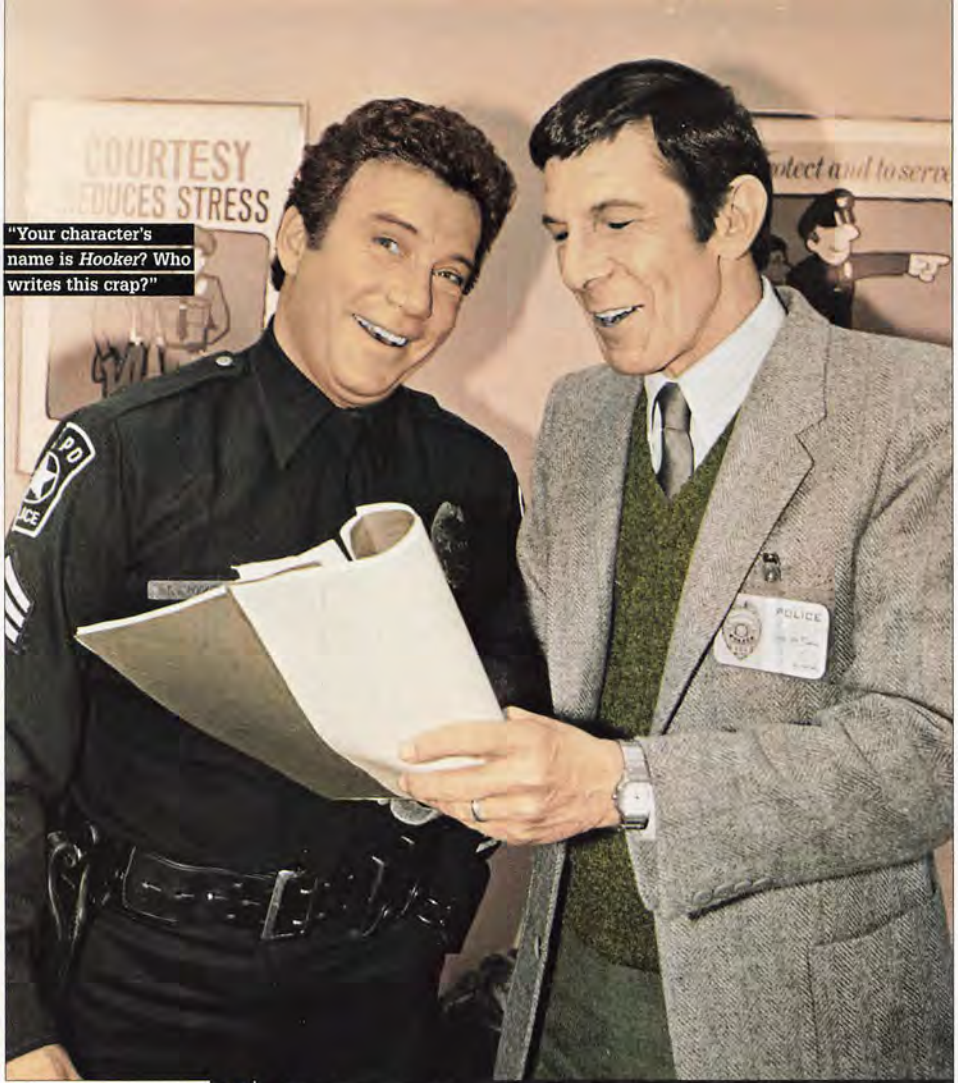
If you're getting close but the deal just ain't happening, walk away. If the guy doesn't close the deal on the spot, come back later. "Each time you walk away, they get crazier about closing the sale," says Brodow.

READER TIPS

BEAT THE STREAKS

After washing car windows, wipe them dry with newspaper instead of cloth. They'll be streak-free.

—John Detz
Sheboygan, WI



"Your character's name is *Hooker*? Who writes this crap?"

DRAMA KING

PUT ON AN ACT

The one and only William Shatner explains how to get people to believe damn near anything. Hey, the guy won a Golden Globe!

1 BUY YOUR LIE

In his new mini-series, *Invasion Iowa* (March 29–April 1 on Spike TV), Shat and crew punk the 928-person town of Riverside (which claims to be the future home of James T. Kirk) into thinking he's shooting a sci-fi flick there. To pull it off, he had to trust in unreality. "Total commitment to the lie is the essence of good acting," he explains. "In the eyes of the people you're lying to, you can't have any doubt." As Costanza would say, it's not a lie if *you* believe it.

2 USE FORCE

The last time you fibbed to your girlfriend, you probably looked away and mumbled—then got busted for denying you checked out her mom in the first place. "You've got to look people straight in the eye," Shatner says. "Lie boldly and with total assurance. 'The sky is green.' And when they say, 'No, it's blue,' you say, 'You don't understand—the sky is green. You think it's blue, but in reality it's green and you have to believe me.' You can't pussyfoot a lie."

3 FRESHEN UP

When things get tense, take a break to get back in touch with the truth. "Say, 'Excuse me, I have to use the bathroom,'" Shatner says. "Run the water so nobody can hear you repeating the lie to yourself." Then dry your pits, slap your best O.J. face on, and stick to the story. Remember: You were late for work because your car *exploded*.

"I can hear the ocean!"

4 IF ALL ELSE FAILS, KNOW WHEN TO BAIL

Even the best liars get caught sometimes. "On the ninth day of shooting the show, we realized we were about to be found out," admits Shatner. "So we did what every actor has done down through the ages—we cut and ran like hell. And that's what every liar's got to know: If it's not working, stop acting and get out of town."

Note: This is a hell of a lot easier to do if it's actually someone else's town.

Text, Wyatt Myers (Haggle); Mary Park (Act)

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CAR TROUBLE

Ever wonder what you'd do if a team of assassins tried to run you off the road? Neither did we, until we got schooled. BY JOSH DEAN

We're doing a comfortable 40 down the back straightaway when a streak of black appears in the rearview. I lighten up on the gas and fixate on the mirror.

"What's the problem?" my passenger in the front seat asks.

"We have company."

The black streak lengthens and becomes two; the second black car pulls from behind the first and speeds up alongside, giving us the once-over from behind blacked-out windows before racing past my window and veering hard in front of us.

"Take it easy," says Danny, my passenger, sensing my uncertainty. "Think about what our options are here..."

A half-dozen things race across my mental replay screen: *180? Reverse 180? PIT maneuver? Ramming? Shit, I don't know!*

Suddenly, the black car behind us pulls into the other lane and hits the gas as the car in front slows down, setting up to box us in. I have nowhere to go. Beside us a tinted window slowly descends. There, over my left shoulder, is a masked man, and in his hands is a gun.

Thwap! A splatter of red paint hits my driver-side window, followed by three more—*thwap, thwap, thwap!*—that join to form a tidy Rorschach pattern at precisely head level.

Just like that, it's over.

"Well," Danny says as all three cars slow to a stop. "Looks like you're dead."

Next time on *Roadhead Gone Wrong...*

Basic training

"The purpose of the attack scenarios is to put the skills we've taught you into practice under stressful conditions," Danny says, standing at a white dry erase board. "It's easy to do these things in a controlled environment, with me screaming instructions in your ear, but in the real world you just have to act."

Danny is Danny Bullock, a 33-year-old driving instructor with five years under his belt at the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving, perhaps the country's best spot for race instruction. Bondurant's is parked on a paved patch of desert a half-hour or so south of Phoenix and consists of four full-road racetracks, a seven-acre parking lot known as the skid pad, and a huge fleet of Corvettes, Mustangs, Cadillac CTS's, and Ford Crown Victorias free for the taking. Well, free for the taking once you've ponied up a few grand to come here.

Over my shoulder is a masked man with a gun.

For four days Danny has been teaching me and my two classmates—an excitable, buzz-cut Arizona cop named Kevin and a gruff, seen-it-all former NYPD officer named Bill, who now protects top execs at a Fortune 500 company—to better understand the capabilities of our cars and how to use them to our advantage even under adverse conditions. They call the course Executive Protection/Anti-Kidnapping.

The guys in the ski masks? Other instructors, borrowed to help make the "scenario" part of our program even more insanely stressful.

"We've taught police departments, top exec drivers for large corporations," says Danny. "We had a major politician's driver. I've had ▶

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"I'm feelin' a drag...see if the trunk's open."

"Hey, a little water over here!"

"Taxi! Hey, taxi."

Colombians, Israelis, the head of a South African firm—South Africa is the world capital of carjackings—and a bunch of government agency guys. Man, those were some crazy dudes."

For all the talk of automotive carnage—ramming, skidding, and balletlike spin moves—the bulk of the EXP course (as it's known) focuses on making us so attuned to a car's handling, braking, and weight transfer that we're easily able to push it seemingly beyond its limits, even in the most stressful situations.

That means hours of throttle steering (learning how the accelerator affects turning the car), high-speed brake exercises, emergency lane changes, and racing through an ultratricky autocross course that seems to have been modeled after someone's large intestine—all in a powerful Mustang GT that will never be accused of being nimble.

Then Danny puts us in a Crown Vic. You know the Crown Vic as the cop car du jour—and now that I've attempted to use one as a high-performance vehicle, I have both a hearty respect for police driving capabilities and a fresh understanding of how easy it would be to run away from the cops.

"OK, Kevin," Danny says, buckling his lap belt (the Vics have four-point harnesses, but we surprisingly aren't using them). "Here's the deal. Roll forward like you're patrolling. Say you see something up ahead that makes you uncomfortable—maybe someone pointing a gun at your vehicle—and you want to get out of there as soon as possible. What do you do?"

"Reverse 180," Kevin says.

"Let's see it."

Kevin lurches to a stop, pops the car into reverse, and puts his left hand at five o'clock on the steering wheel.

"Fix on a spot," Danny says. (This will help him keep the wheel, and the car, straight—important on an actual road.) "And punch it!"

Kevin floors the heavy gas pedal, and the car lurches backward.

"Count it off," Danny says. "One, two, three, four, five—now!"

At the five count Kevin whips the wheel left, sending the car into a violent skid and whipping the front end around 90 degrees. As the front moves past sideways—and it will do this quickly, having a ton of momentum thanks to that heavy V-8 up front—Kevin spins the wheel a full rotation back the other way, completing the spin. As the wheel passes the gearshift lever, he pops it into drive, the tires squeal, and we're off, heading safely, we hope, in the other direction.

A cloud of atomized tire rubber fills the car, settling into my eyes, nose, and mouth. I can hear Bill coughing.

"Right," Danny says. "Next time you might want to roll the windows up first."

"Mo-o-o-o-ve! *Gilmore Girls* is on in 10!"

Ramming speed

By Thursday, the final day, I'm beginning to realize why this class is so expensive; for four days we've done nothing but beat the crap out of Bob Bondurant's cars. Danny hasn't once asked any of us to back off, no matter how much tire rubber, brake pad, or clutch we're burning in a particular exercise. "This is high-performance driving," he tells me. "You are here to push the limits of the car."

A cloud of atomized rubber fills the car.

And trashing a car costs a certain sum of money, even if you're dealing with total junkers. Bondurant's school trolls police auctions and junkyards for cars that are still structurally intact but, for whatever reason, are never going to pass even the laziest DMV inspection. These are the ones we get to demolish.

Out on the back oval of the track, a Saturn sits sideways on the road, its glass punched out to minimize cleanup. A tow truck idles nearby.

"Everything we've done so far, you can do without contact," Danny says, squaring his sleek shades. "But if that's not an option and you're in a situation where you have no way out..." He taps the side of "the Shark," a gold Lincoln ▶

HOW TO...

Execute a precision immobilization technique (PIT).

Step 1: Position your front side bumper against the enemy's rear quarter panel. **Step 2:** Turn toward the car and accelerate through as they spin out. **Step 3:** Let AAA bat cleanup.

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Town Car with a cowcatcher on the front end and a fin welded to the middle of the roof. "If you decide there's no other choice, you ram him. But you want to ram him, if at all possible, where the engine's not." This is why police cars, during roadblocks, park nose-to-nose in the center of the road. A typical criminal, panicking, will strike the cars where they come together, putting the heaviest part of his car against the heaviest points of two other cars—giving him little chance of busting the roadblock and a lot of chance of fucking himself up.

"You want to line up the strongest point of your car to his rear axle," says Danny. "A good indicator of the strongest point is the steering wheel, which roughly lines up with the frame rail."

"Can I bust the cherry?" Kevin asks.

He pops off his DC Shoes cap, straps on a helmet, and crams his bulky 6'2" frame into the sagging velour seats of the Shark. He buckles the seat belt, smiles, and backs up.

"OK," Danny yells. "All you need to do is roll forward a bit at idle and, when I give the sign, floor it. If you're going to ram someone, you need to keep your foot on the throttle! It will throw him farther and keep you going straight. Because that's where you want to go—away as fast as possible."

Kevin rolls forward, not exactly at idle. Though 15 was his target speed, he's probably already there when Danny gives the signal, and so the car is up near 30 when it bashes into the side of the Saturn, sounding like a car bomb and sending fender shrapnel flying into the sky.

"The noise is a lot scarier than the hit," Danny says to the assembled crowd, a bit late considering we've mostly ducked for cover like participants in an air-raid drill.

As the Shark rolls back to the starting point, Kevin is shaking his head. "Ouch," he says. "That hurt. That wasn't as fun as I thought it'd be."

The tragic life of a red-headed step-Saturn

Later, during the classroom wrap-up, Danny gives us the requisite warnings that these are all dangerous maneuvers; that, in the real world, pulling them off puts you, your car mates, and bystanders at risk; and that we should only use them "as a last resort." Blah blah.

I can definitely see Kevin, who kicked both of our asses on the track and seemed to have more fun than any of us, pulling a high-speed 180 the first chance he gets.

Bill, well, he's a bit more realistic. He's also got 20 years on us. "You know what?" he says to me, as we're walking back to our boring old rental cars, with their insurance and loss-damage waivers. "You're never gonna do a reverse 180 in your life. Even I probably won't. But it gives you confidence in your skills and shows you how much you can do with a vehicle."

"Yeah," I tell him, "you're probably right." Then, on my way out, I do a 180. M

HOW TO...

Ram a car— without busting your own!

Step 1: Line up your steering wheel with the enemy car's rear wheel. **Step 2:** Accelerate slowly, keeping your foot on the gas as you strike. **Step 3:** Press butt cheeks firmly against rear window.

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Drawbacks: The CLS has a portly 4,050-pound curb weight. You'll have to save the sport mode for playtime, and expect some understeer on the twisties.

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GAME OFF

ICE BREAK

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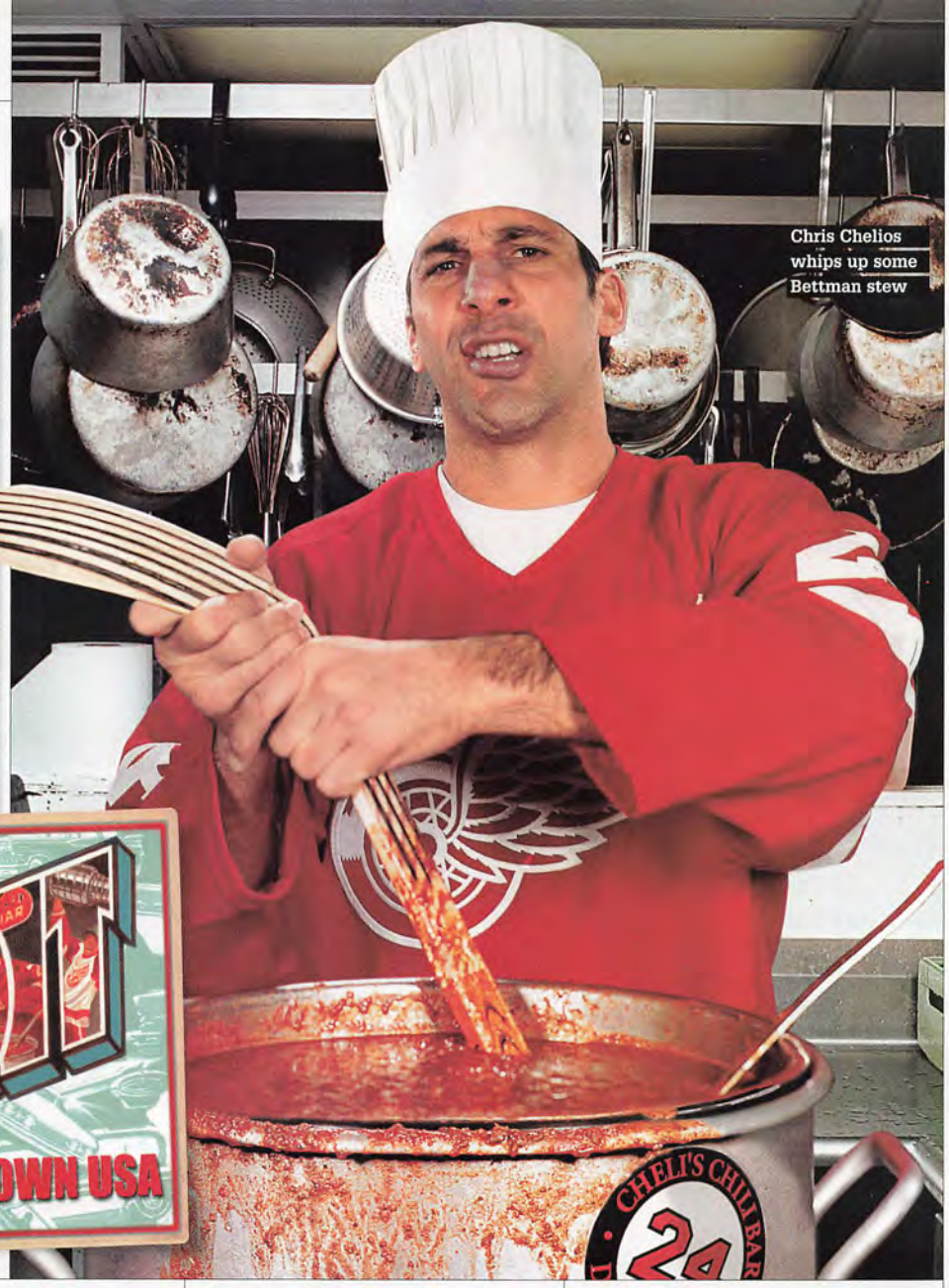

Chris Chelios whips up some Bettman stew

Less than a year ago, Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios was getting paid $6 million a year to crush grown men against the boards in front of thousands of screaming fans. Today the 11-time all-star is wearing an apron and cooking chili for a dozen hungry customers in Dearborn, Michigan. At press time the NHL and its players have yet to ink a new collective bargaining agreement, and their negotiations so far have been like celebrity *Jeopardy!* with Jessica Simpson, Anna Nicole Smith, and Mike Tyson. Nobody has any answers, and it doesn't look like anyone's going to win.

That leaves sports fans with one of three views: *(1)* The players are right. *(2)* The owners are right. *(3)* They still have that pro hockey league? Whatever your take on the biggest work stoppage in North American sports, 700 guys who make a living in skates have had to face a potentially terrifying prospect: winter vacation.

More than half of them have found temp work with pro clubs overseas, but even that fun Eurotrip has an element of risk. In Russia, Tampa Bay Lightning center Brad Richards tore his abdominal wall and had to fly home for treatment. Peter Forsberg broke his hand in Sweden. And hard-luck Atlanta Thrashers right winger Dany Heatley (when he wasn't negotiating a plea deal on the vehicular homicide charge he faced for accidentally killing his teammate Daniel Snyder) played in Switzerland—where he caught a puck in the eye, broke his orbital bone, and had to have reconstructive surgery. And then there are the guys who stayed home...

BY DIANE HILL

Chelios hasn't ruled out a fourth Olympic bid—this time in a bobsled.

The Chef

I'm not surprised to find Chelios at the rink slapping pucks around with a few other Wings. But while teammates Brendan Shanahan (campaigning for John Kerry, organizing a "state of hockey" summit) and Steve Yzerman (reading *The Da Vinci Code,* chauffeuring his three daughters) haven't been slacking, this guy's got more on his plate than Warren Sapp at a buffet.

First there was bobsledding. While playing hockey for the U.S. at the 2002 Winter Olympics, Chelios ran into the Greek two-man bobsled team in a cafeteria. They told him they wanted to compete in four-man but lacked the talent and funds. So when the lockout struck, they invited Chelios, who has Greek blood, to train with them and compete for a bid in the 2006 Olympics. "I'd never done anything that fast and dangerous before," he says. "It's like when you're about to fight on the ice, but this is a longer adrenaline rush, and you always have that danger of crashing. I did that twice." ▶

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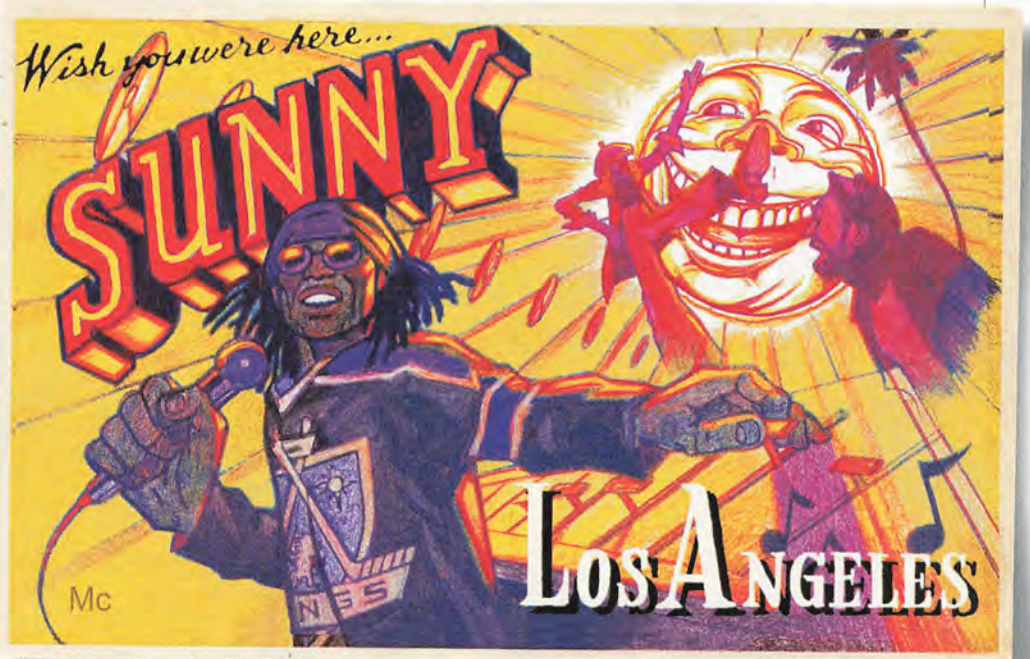

In its first race the team finished ninth... out of nine. The squad's only Stanley Cup winner was undaunted: "Our biggest guy was hurt, so we couldn't go 100 percent at the start. We just wanted to get the runs in so we'd be eligible for the next race." He continues to sponsor the team and hasn't ruled out a fourth Olympic appearance—this time on sled runners instead of skates.

But he also has a backup plan: Cheli's Chili Bar. The thriving restaurant is a sports geek's wet dream—plenty of TVs, athletic memorabilia, tasty food, and cold beer, plus a future Hall of Famer with plenty of free time to supervise it. Started in Chicago after a friend thought up the name and shared his grandma's chili recipe, it moved to suburban Detroit in 2003 and has been a local favorite ever since. (Thanks to the Lions, Tigers, and Pistons, they still have games to show.)

Stirring up a big chili bowl for me, Chelios beams. "We've gone retail," he says. "You can even get it in grocery stores." I could hang at the bar all evening, but my host needs to pack for a trip with his buddy Bobby, a fellow Detroiter most people know as Kid Rock. The pair visited Russia last winter, and now they're heading to Costa Rica to meet up with Cameron Diaz and Kelly Slater to film a show for MTV. (A few weeks later, Chelios would sign up to play with the United Hockey League's Motor City Mechanics, scoring a goal in his first game.)

'The lockout came at a good time,' Carter says. 'It let me work on my record company.'

Carter (right) playing in Europe

He sends me on my way with a packet of chili and some ominous words about the state of the NHL: "I wish Wayne Gretzky was running everything, and maybe Mario Lemieux could step in and they could get this settled. Because when it's all said and done, I really do believe [NHL commissioner] Gary Bettman has to go."

The Rap Mogul

In Los Angeles, fresh off a tour of Europe with a team of barnstorming all-stars, free agent forward Anson Carter is switching from slap shots to hip-hop. "The lockout actually came at a pretty good time," he admits. "It gave me a chance to work on my record company." As the chairman and CEO of Big Up Entertainment, Carter aims to develop a stable of young rap artists to compete with labels like P. Diddy's Bad Boy and Master P's No Limit. That's no easy thing. "We don't have Neptunes money, so right now we're trying to keep it with all cats that are on the come-up," he explains.

At his secluded mansion in Marina del Rey, CDs from aspiring MCs fill the hallways. His guest room has been converted to a preproduction area where Carter and his young artists experiment with beats and flows, looking for a hit.

He plays me some tracks by his latest project, a young rap duo called Main and Merc. The ▶

CANUCKED UP

With the NHL in a deep freeze, what other Canadian cultural icons are down and oot?

FAMOUS FACES
Last year both Jim Carrey and Pamela Anderson became U.S. citizens, joining Michael J. Fox, Peter Jennings, and Alex Trebek. But guess who's still 100 percent Canuck? Tom Green!

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MEDICINE
The FDA has deemed imported Canadian drugs illegal, thus saving us from scoring any cheap Viagra. But who wants to hear, "Nice hose, hoser," anyway? Other than us, of course.

CELINE DION
Mock her all you want, but she's well on her way to making $100 million in three years at Caesars in Las Vegas. (In Canadian currency, that's roughly 72 million beaver pelts.)

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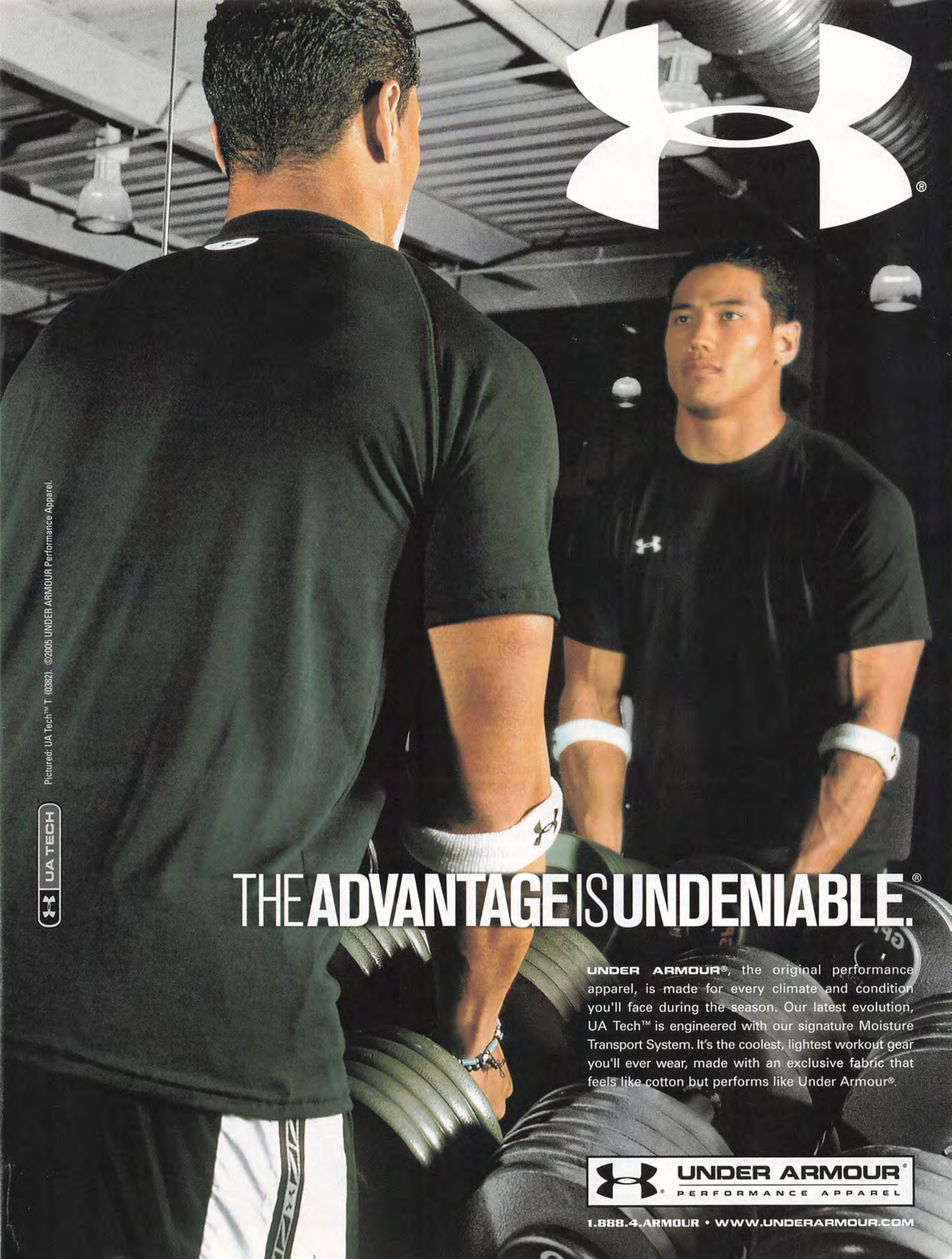
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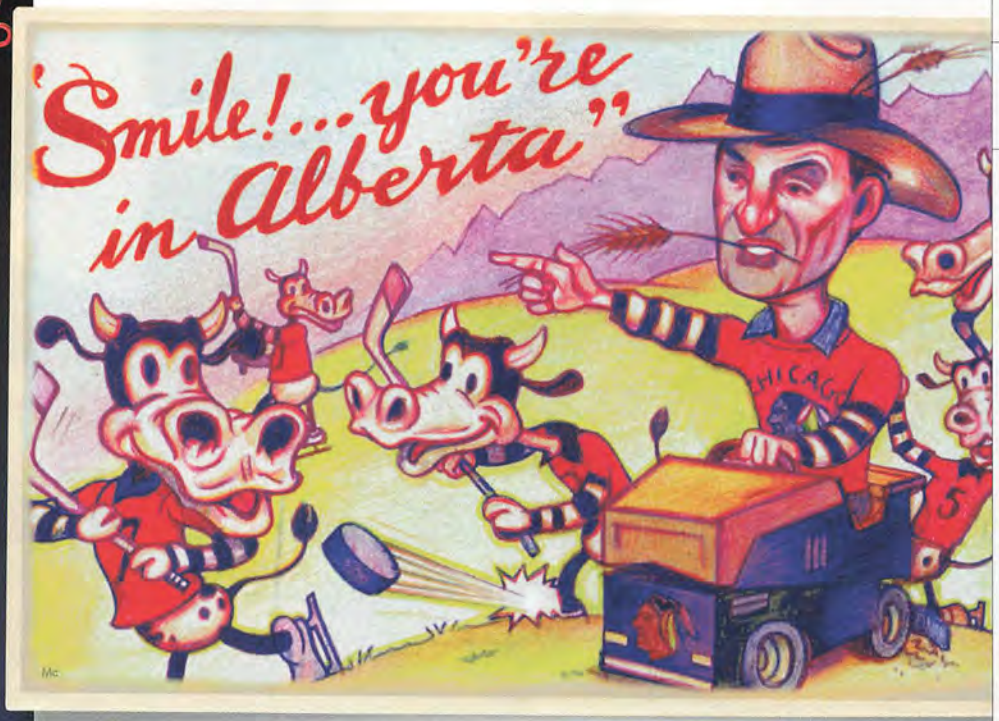

Sutter also sings a mean karaoke

sound is standard club-bangin' beats, rolling rhymes, and a sampled chorus. "You can have all the gimmicks you want, but if your music sucks, it's not gonna happen," says the self-proclaimed NHL King of Hip Hop. "My initial focus is making sure the music sounds right, that it's mixed properly." Then it's time to get singles on the radio; Carter's currently pushing Main and Merc's "Something" by sending it to program directors. "That single's hot," he says. "It definitely speaks to the ladies, but it's one of those crossover songs that appeal to everyone."

Is he ready to trade the rink for the recording studio? "Definitely. That's why I'm doing this. It's something I want to pursue once the game is over." And how does he feel about the game right now? "Disgusted," he says. "Disappointed, but at the same time not really surprised."

The Farmer

One country and 1,700 miles away, Chicago Blackhawks coach Brian Sutter is hanging out with a bunch of cows. A three-time all-star who captained the St. Louis Blues in the '80s, Sutter led five brothers into the NHL as part of hockey's strongest family legacy. But many fans aren't aware of the other big family tradition. Sutter, who grew up on a farm outside Viking, Alberta, has spent the lockout at his Sylvan Lake ranch, bonding with bovines.

'Cows are like hockey players,' Sutter says. 'Except the cows don't talk back.'

"We raise purebred Angus cattle and farm a pile of land," he says. "We've got between 250 and 300 head, and we're probably going to have about 175 calves this year." With a lot more time on his hands, Sutter's getting increasingly involved with the day-to-day farm operations. "Farming and ranching is a way of life," he explains. "Hockey is a game."

Sutter misses that game, but the way he sees it, working with future steaks isn't all that different from lecturing in the locker room. "Cows are like hockey players," he says. "Sometimes you've got to push them; sometimes you've got to back off. They're both about the same, except the cows don't talk back—they just run me over when I get in trouble." That, and the cows don't raise nearly the same fuss over being milked by their owners.

But even this coach isn't thrilled with the current impasse. "I don't like it, because I care for the fans," Sutter says. "[The players and owners] do not understand what the fans mean to the game. The fans *are* the game."

The Sausage Man

Not every guy has so many pucks in the air. In Livingston, New Jersey, just down the road from the Devils' practice rink, Jamie Langenbrunner kills time appearing on behalf of Premio Italian sausages at his local ShopRite grocery store. "My neighbor owns Premio Foods, so he set it up for me," Langenbrunner says. "I said, 'Sure. Why not? I'm not doing anything.' It's good to feel I'm contributing to society, you know?"

Rather than his jersey, the right wing wears a Premio shirt. Signs direct shoppers toward the big fella behind the table, who's more than happy to sign autographs and take pictures with fans. "A few times there was somebody who had something rude to say about us not playing," he shrugs. "But for the most part, it's fun."

Did he ever imagine he'd be hanging out by the frozen food aisle at age 29? "I thought I had a bit longer before it came to that," he laughs. "On the other hand, you want to pass the time with something, and this is what presented itself." Langenbrunner plans to follow up his grocery store stint with an unpaid internship at the sausage company. "I'm kind of in a holding pattern now. If they'd just tell us one way or the other, I could figure out what I'm going to do."

The way things look, that means planning for summer vacation, too. Anyone want chili? M

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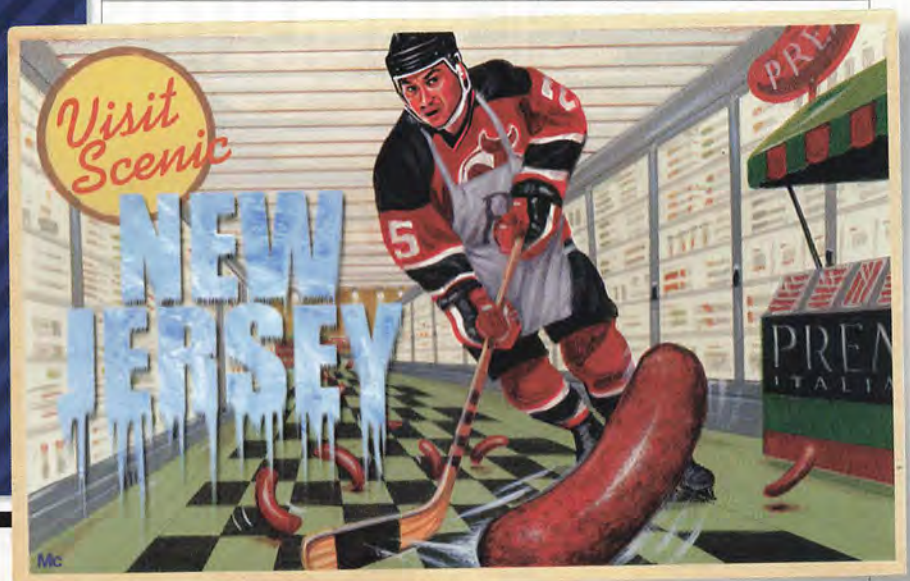
Langenbrunner on the sausage circuit



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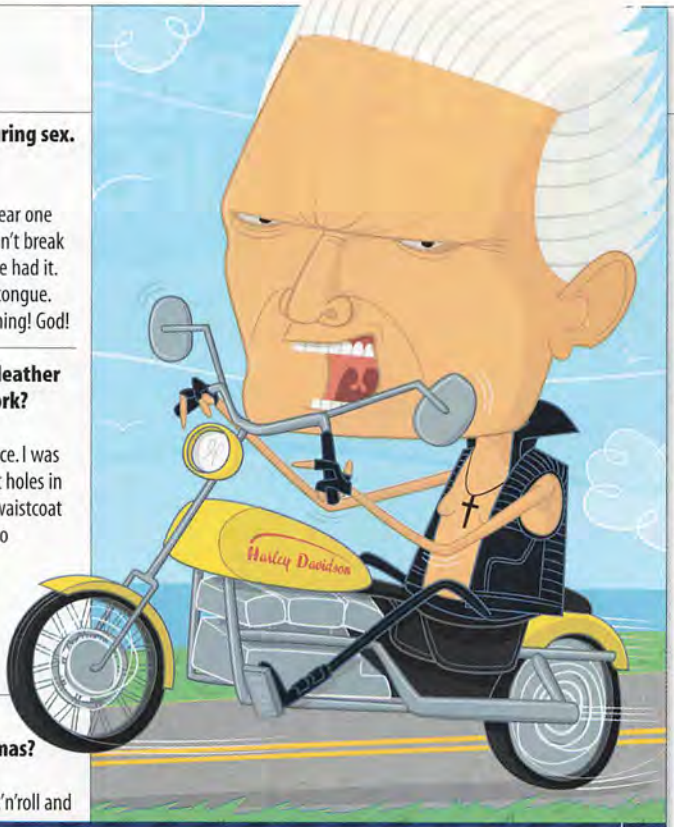

REBEL YELLER

BILLY IDOL

The original bleach-blond bad boy has a new album (*Devil's Playground*, out March 22) and plenty of suggestions for all you punks.

Q My girlfriend watches TV during sex. How can I get her to stop?
C. Vaughn, Chicopee, MA
A Come home with edible underwear one day. Try something new. If you can't break through her favorite soap opera, you've had it. Try some tongue exercises—tongue, tongue. Service her, baby! Service her! Frightening! God!

Q I'm thinking about getting leather pants. How can I make it work?
Tom Suski, Chino, CA
A Leather actually saved my life once. I was in this knife attack—the guy cut holes in my leather jacket, but I had a leather waistcoat on underneath. Anyway, you have to do something with your mind. You can't just put leather on. You can put it on right, but you ain't gonna look good unless there's reasoning behind why you want to look like that.

Q How can I shake the 15 pounds I put on over Christmas?
Phil VanVoorhees, Bridgeport, CT
A Stop eating, fatso! In my job, rock'n'roll and food don't go together. Rock'n'roll and drugs go together: They'll make you thin. They'll kill you as well, but you'll have a thin corpse. I'm lucky because I have to go onstage. I can't jiggle a ton of fat around; it's embarrassing.

Q My wife just had a baby. How can I get out of changing diapers?
Matt Cohen, San Francisco, CA
A That's difficult these days, I've got to admit. Everybody's helping with the baby sort of thing. But you shouldn't have stuck it in her in the first place if that's what you didn't want.

Q My son wants to take ballet, and the guys at work are giving me crap about it. What can I do?
Alfonso Mackey, Coxsackie, NY
A Show them the picture of James Dean doing ballet. There's a picture of him in leg warmers somewhere. I've seen it.

Q I want to get a pet, but not something normal like a cat, dog, or bird. What's a cool, weird pet to get?
Zach Dzicezk, Rockland County, NY
A My favorite pet was a tortoise. In England, with no sun, you only saw it twice a year, fed it a strawberry, then it disappeared. They always look you right in the eye, like, "What the fuck are you looking at?" I love the tortoise.

'My balls were going gray, so I shaved them. It's like steel wool down there!'

Q When my girlfriend and I watch movies, she always gets the quotes wrong. How can I correct her without looking like an ass?
Jon Boufatski, Hampton Beach, NH
A To be honest, you shouldn't be correcting your girlfriend. Let her be in that dream world where she thinks she's right. Then you'll get everything you want. We don't care about the quotation on the TV; we just want to get inside. And how do you know she isn't right?

Q I'm feeling a little lost in the world right now. Are there any philosophers that you recommend?
Finnian O'Shea, Fort Oglethorpe, GA
A Noam Chomsky. He seems to have the right view on life at the moment. "I lived with the system and took no offense until Chomsky lent me the necessary sense."

Q I want to get a motorcycle. How do I convince my wife that they aren't that dangerous?
Dan McCow, Hilton Head, SC
A They *are* dangerous. They're mad, bad, and dangerous to know. They're like Lord Byron. If you get on a bike, you know they're dangerous; that's why you're getting on it. There are those who have gone down and those who are going down, meaning you've either had the accident or you're going to have one. If you don't know that, you shouldn't be getting on a motorcycle. You're dreaming.

Q My hair's starting to thin on top. Should I shave my head, get a toupee, or go Rogaine?
Pete Richardson, Seattle, WA
A Shave your head so you don't have to worry. I don't think Rogaine works, and you'd have to get a full transplant or something. Shaving seems to work quite well. I shaved my balls—they were going gray, so I shaved them. It's like steel wool down there!

Q My sex life with my wife is getting pretty boring. How do I convince her to have a threesome?
Teddy N., Colorado Springs, CO
A Never do that with your wife. It's the biggest mistake you could make. I know from my own life. They're going to fall in love with each other and leave you. If you want to have a threesome, find two other birds. Your wife won't take it the right way. If she's not into girls, she's going to think you're trying to find a way around only fucking her. It's not worth it. It's a mistake. If that's what you want to do, you shouldn't be married.

Q I'm having some killer insomnia lately. How can I get to sleep?
M. Langley, Salt Lake City, UT
A Melatonin—three milligrams should be enough to do the job.

Q I decided to buy a hovercraft instead of braces for my daughter. My wife has threatened to leave me, but dammit, I love this hovercraft. What should I do?
Ralph Small, San Diego, CA
A Keep the hovercraft. Ditch the wife and kids. You know what? You're going to pay in the end, anyway. So you might as well have as much fun as you can because they're going to take it all. I would crash it so she'll never get it. Then I'd go on a crack binge in Vegas. That's what we always do if anybody threatens us. Just say, "I'm getting my money and going on a crack binge in Vegas. What are you going to do now?"

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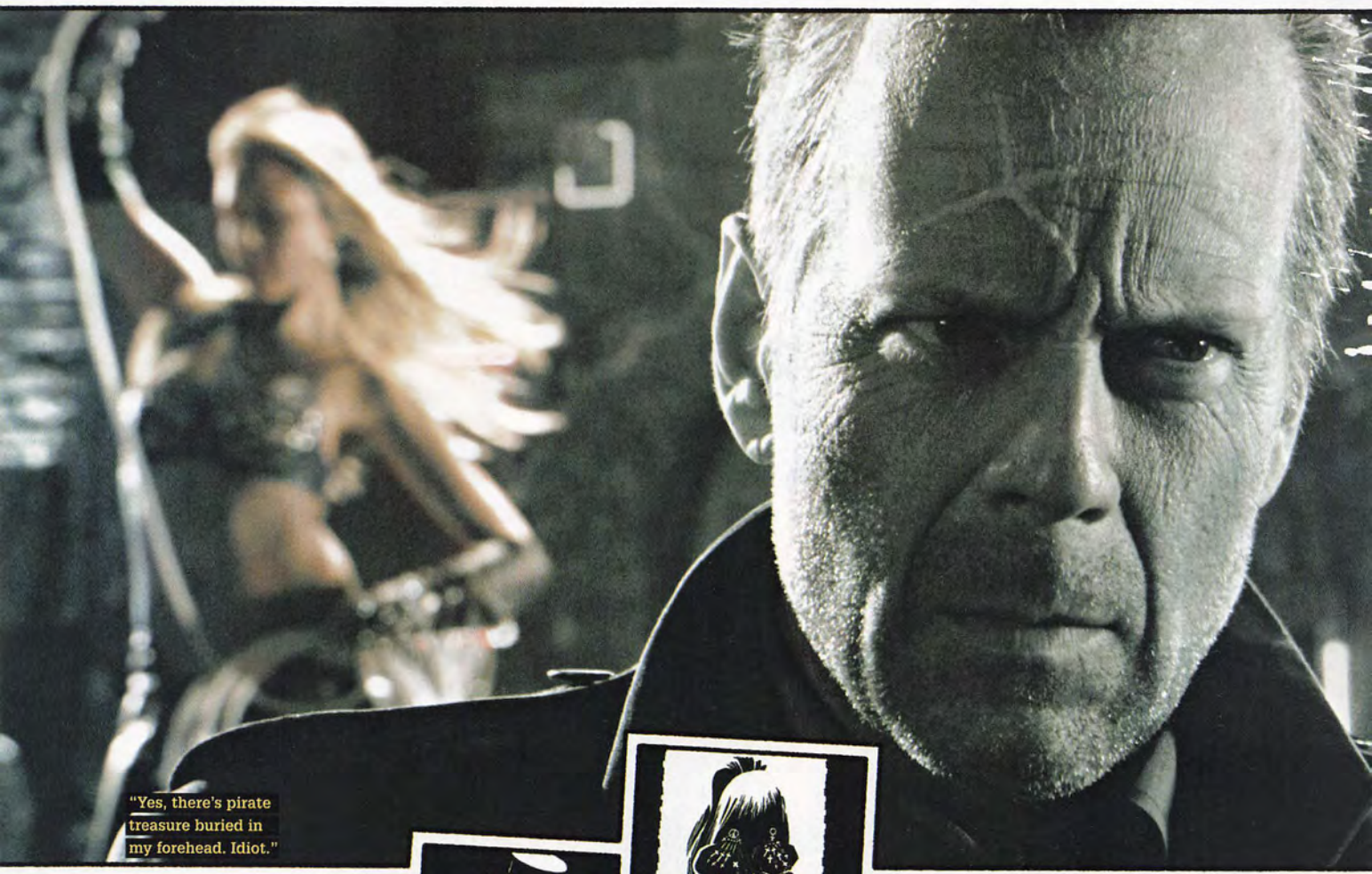

"Yes, there's pirate treasure buried in my forehead. Idiot."

"We're going to hide, and you come find us, OK?"

Proof some dark alleys are worth walking down

> CRIMINAL MINDED

SIN CITY

What's black and white and ready to blow your puny mind?

With its combination of criminals, cuties, and corrupt cops, *Sin City* is an orgy of hard-boiled action, featuring more stars than the Crab Nebula and a *Pulp Fiction*–esque brew of overlapping stories culled from three of Frank Miller's graphic novels (*Sin City, That Yellow Bastard,* and *The Big Fat Kill*). Marv, a Band-Aid–covered brawler played by Mickey Rourke, goes on a vengeful bender after waking up to discover that his true love, Goldie (Jaime King), is dead—and who can't relate to that? Bruce Willis plays Hartigan, an aging cop who vows to protect the stripper Nancy (Jessica Alba) at all costs—and who wouldn't?—while photographer Dwight (Clive Owen) defends a bevy of beauties from the psychotic Jackie Boy (Benicio Del Toro). Directors Robert Rodriguez and Miller shot against green screens with backgrounds added digitally, ensuring that *Sin City*'s original paper panels pop like a blackjack to the back of the skull.

MAXIM MOVIE OF THE MONTH ★★★★

Some women take shaving very seriously

> PANEL DISCUSSION

MILLER'S CROSSING

The Sin City *comic books are Frank Miller's babies. We talk to him about watching his children grow up.*

What was it like to see your characters in the flesh?
It was magical. As Marv, Mickey Rourke was beautiful and hideous. There's something about Mickey that scares you, like you want to run away from him and hug him at the same time. He's got a very endearing quality, but there's a scary anger to him.

Still, it's Mickey Rourke. How'd you pick him?
It was Robert's idea. I was a little out of touch with movies, and I said, "You mean that skinny guy from *Body Heat*?" And in comes Mickey carrying his scrappy little dog, almost taking the doorjamb out with his shoulders. He sits down to talk to us for about 20 minutes. I don't think we got to say anything. As he talked I jotted down one note on my pad: "Met Mickey Rourke. He *is* Marv."

Describe the film's look.
We wanted the movie to feel like the comic book. On the set we had a camera monitor that had my drawings for every shot, and they'd adjust the shot to fit my composition exactly. The only words that were changed or added were words I wrote. It's so faithful it hurts.

How was it directing for the first time?
Working with Robert was an absolute dream. He and I hit it off like brothers—I suspect we were actually separated at birth. I'm not lying. We did not have a single major dustup in the course of production.

Before this you wrote the screenplays for *Robocop 2* and *3*. Did you burn out?
I just realized that life as a screenwriter was not going to be a very satisfying one. In comic books I can do whatever I want—I'm in total control. In film, if you're a screenwriter, you're a fire hydrant. And there are a lot of dogs.

Are you reinventing noir?
I want to remind everyone what noir really is and get rid of the nostalgia. People make mistakes thinking that if you light it spookily, it's noir. The darkness needs to be inside the characters. Marv wouldn't work just being a spooky-looking guy; he's got to be someone who has issues.

How would you improve other comic book movies?
I would take a lesson from *Sin City*—should people like it—and get more faithful.

"Hey, you're not wearing pants!"

"This is a robbery! Step away from the purses!"

MAXIM MOVIE OF THE MONTH

> MAIN ATTRACTION

D.E.B.S.

With girls like this, we'd actually attend school.

Out: March 25
Director: Angela Robinson
Stars: Sara Foster, Jordana Brewster, more girls in plaid skirts than you can shake a ruler at
The story: Finally, someone made the movie you dreamed about in junior high study hall. The D.E.B.S. are an elite—and totally hot!—team of secret agents trained to battle baddies while wearing skimpy schoolgirl outfits. And when the arch-criminal Lucy Diamond, played by Brewster, reappears on the scene, the D.E.B.S. have to thwart her nefarious plan . . . and pin her down . . . then slowly . . .
The buzz: . . . What were we saying? Oh, yes. Sara Foster and Jordana Brewster kiss in the movie. (Twice!) In fact, the movie's main plot line is the love story between Foster's hero D.E.B.—aptly nicknamed "the perfect score"—and Brewster's villain, not only revealing that this satire refuses to take itself seriously but also that God does indeed answer prayers.
We're guessing: ★★★★☆

"The cue's nice, but check out my rack!"

GET THIS!
> Jordana attended an all-girl Catholic school when she was a kid.

RATINGS:

DON VITO	★★★★★
MICHAEL	★★★★☆
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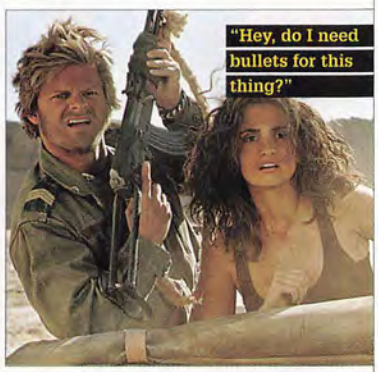
"Hey, do I need bullets for this thing?"

SAHARA

This just in . . . African dictators are not kindhearted monarchs!

"Throw me some deodorant! Quick!"

Out: April 8
Director: Breck Eisner
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Penélope Cruz, Steve Zahn
The story: Dirk Pitt, an Indiana Jones–style treasure hunter played by McConaughey, heads to Africa in search of a Civil War ship . . . only to thwart the assassination of a U.N. doctor (Cruz) and run afoul of an African dictator who is dumping nuclear waste and mutating the red tide. (OK, enough with the tampon jokes . . .)
The buzz: Zahn's always the best part of anything he's in—and this flick led to the breakup of Cruz and Tom Cruise. (Finally, our long national nightmare is over!) But Clive Cussler, who wrote the book *Sahara*'s based on, sued over the script. Like boils in your bathing suit area, this is usually a bad sign, but *Sahara*'s combination of action, comedy, and Cruz looks hot.
We're guessing: ★★★☆☆

> ALSO PLAYING

THE WEATHER MAN
Out: April 1 **Director:** Gore Verbinski
Nicolas Cage is a weatherman struggling to be a good father. (Sigh.) But total strangers randomly pelt him with garbage, which never gets old.
We're guessing: ★★★☆☆

UNLEASHED
Out: April 8 **Director:** Louis Leterrier
Danny (Jet Li) was raised like a pit bull, trained to fight and appear in rap videos. But Danny discovers his humanity . . . and starts kicking butt.
We're guessing: ★★★★☆

THE CAVE
Out: April 8 **Director:** Bruce Hunt
A dive team gets trapped in underground caves, only to discover they're teeming with demonic creatures. Just like that day at Chuck E. Cheese.
We're guessing: ★★★☆☆

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
Out: April 15 **Director:** Andrew Douglas
Stop us if you've heard this one: There's a house, see, it's haunted, and the walls bleed after people move in. Oh, you know it? Well, this is newer.
We're guessing: ★☆☆☆☆

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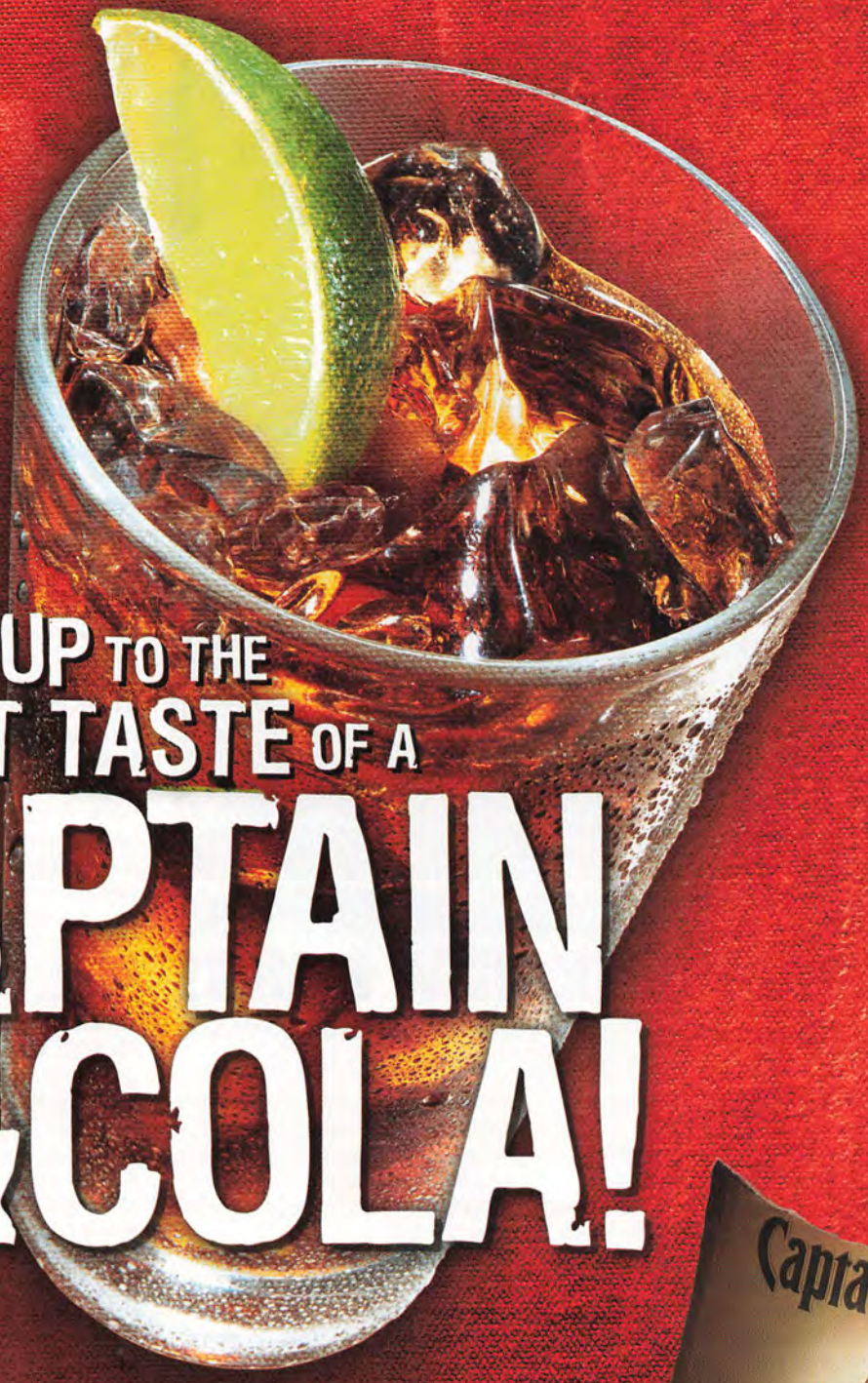

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> OFFICE CHATTER

MEET THE NEW BOSS!

In addition to lamp, Steve Carell also loves Post-it notes, office romances, and his leading role on The Office: An American Workplace.

What's the biggest difference between your show and the original?
The main difference is that it's a different cast—and we do better English accents. My character is a completely different interpretation of Ricky Gervais' boss. For example, his name is Michael Scott.

Are you intimidated by doing a remake?
Sure. It's already a modern classic. We're not trying to improve upon the original; we just want to make a funny, good show.

You married Nancy Walls from *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*. So you have a thing for dating coworkers?
Oh, yeah. When I was working at Second City, I definitely dated around more than I should have. See, when you date three women who work in the same place and they don't know you're dating all of them . . . I'd recommend it for the first few months, but when the shit hits the fan, it's not a lot of fun.

Who was the worst boss you ever had?
He was the manager of the produce department at this supermarket and he was very persnickety. Frankly, who cares how you wrap a tray of oranges? But it was his life. His career hinged on that tray of oranges.

And the worst job?
The post office. I was a rural mail carrier for two months after college, around Christmas, so it was very, very hard. I was bitten on the thigh by a dog. Months later, long after I'd left the post office, I found mail under the seat of my car that I never delivered.

There went Grandma's organ donation. What is your favorite office supply?
Post-it notes. Not only can they be written upon, but they can act as tape, and they can act as a patch. They're cheery, and they come in a rainbow of colors—and that's always nice, when a product comes in more than one color.

What's one thing every boss needs to have on his desk?
A secretary. Actually, one of those ball things that click back and forth, the pendulum balls. It screams authority, and—let's face it—it's fascinating to watch. Because you throw one down and one comes up on the other side, it's a real lesson in physics. Not only is it an office accoutrement—it's a learning aid.

Do you still love lamp?
I love lamp. I love chair. I love carpet. And I pooped a hammer. Man, *Anchorman* was a really fun movie; I never had to look at a script. I would show up and look at the scenes, and I might have one word. I'd just wait for that word and I'd say it. Then I'd go to the craft service table and have something to eat.

Any plans to do an *Anchorman* sequel?
I don't know. Will is not a big sequel guy, but he said it's probably the one movie he would consider doing a sequel to.

You wrote a movie called *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*. What research did you do?
I just have never had sex.

Steve, you have two kids.
I know. That's something that I'd kind of like to downplay as I promote this movie. Honestly, I don't think that people will buy the character if they know otherwise.

How did you get so funny, anyway?
Sometimes I put various mushy substances in my pants. There was actually a teacher at Second City who said, "Put coleslaw in your underwear and go out and do a scene and it will just make you feel funny."

GET THIS!

> Steve Carell's first role was in *Curly Sue*.

THE OFFICE: AN AMERICAN WORKPLACE
Airs: NBC
If you're a die-hard, seen-every-episode fanatic of the BBC's *The Office*, then NBC's Americanized version will seem as fresh and original as day-old Domino's pizza. But if you're one of the millions of people who aren't obsessed with semi-obscure British sitcoms, then the new show will be a solid introduction to the dry observations on cubicle life that made the original so beloved. Especially Steve Carell, of *Daily Show* and *Anchorman* fame, who has the oblivious, suit-wearing stiff so down pat you'd think he'd be working in the Oval Office or something.
We're guessing: ★★★★

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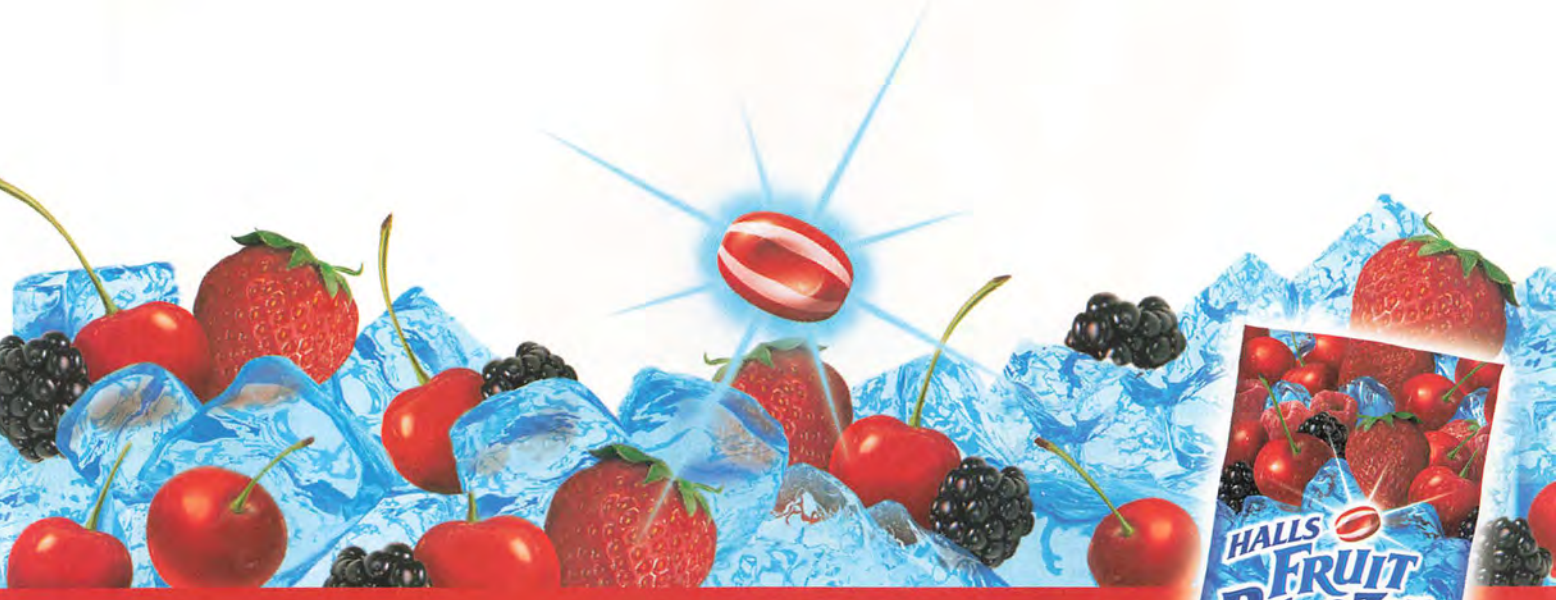

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> 'I play a lot of girlfriends. I guess I'm the arm candy.'

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL?

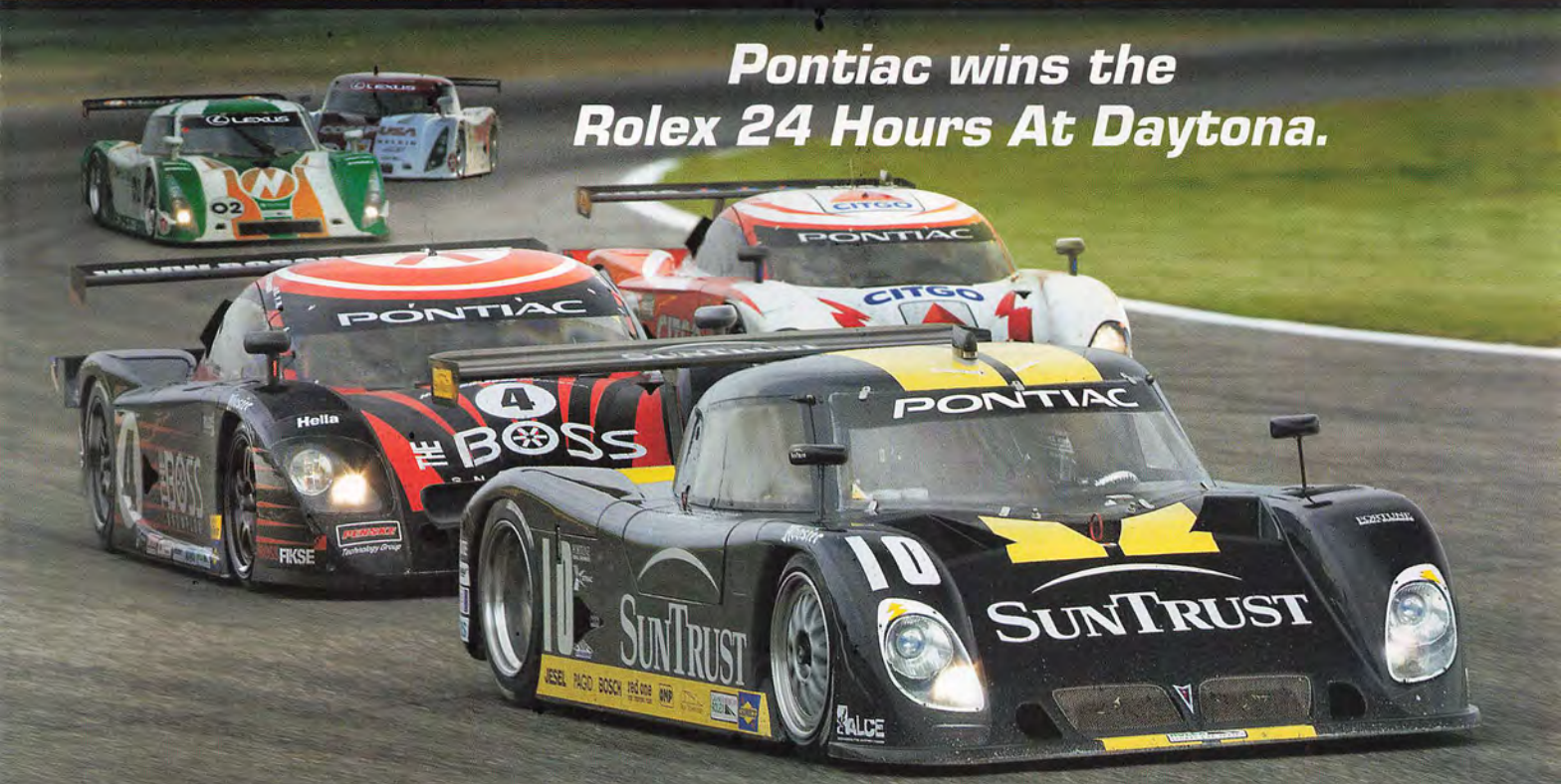
Real name: Christa Campbell
Better known as: The first person killed in Sci Fi channel's movie *Mansquito*, out this month. Soon to be seen in *Relative Strangers* with Danny DeVito.
Her story: After playing Bettie Page in an episode of *The E! True Hollywood Story*, Christa is rapidly becoming the queen of B-movies and slasher flicks, playing nurses, maids, and "Tommy Lee's Girlfriend" in *The New Guy*. ("I know he's a woman beater, but he's a really nice guy!" she says.) This year you can find the luscious Christa popping up in all kinds of places, playing Josh Hartnett's therapist in *Mozart and the Whale* (she'd better be playing Mozart or there'll be hell to pay!) and an evil milkmaid in the horror flick *2001 Maniacs*. Her movies may not be Oscar winners, but Christa doesn't mind. "You know, if you want to cast me as a nurse, I'll be a nurse!" Let's hope casting directors are listening...

HIT IT!

> **Christa hosted the syndicated boxing show *Thunderbox*.**

Photograph, Jim Malucci; styling, Suzie Hardy; hair, Christophe Saluzzo for cloutieragency.com using Matrix; makeup, Agostina for cloutieragency.com using Giorgio Armani Cosmetics

Pontiac wins the Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona.



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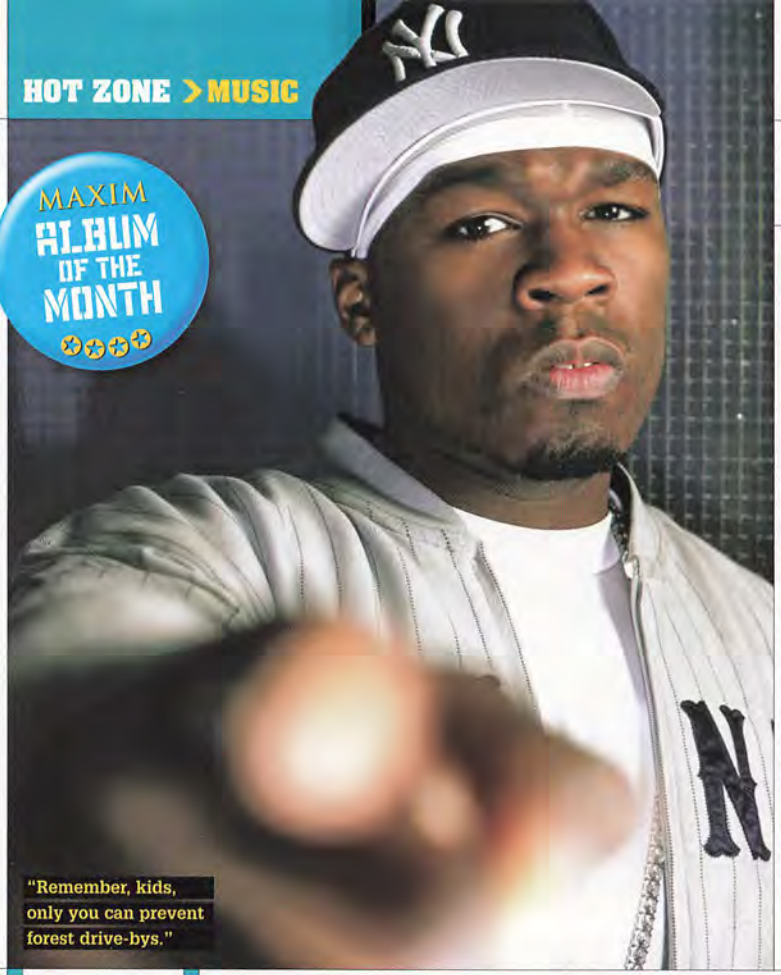

MAXIM ALBUM OF THE MONTH ★★★★

> HE'S BA-A-A-A-CK!

50 CENT

The Massacre (Shady/Aftermath)

So what if 50 Cent's rhymes are about as complicated as an I Can Read book and his rambling flow reminds you of Mushmouth. (You try rapping after you get shot in the face.) As *The Massacre* proves, 50's got *game*, even when he's not rolling with Dr. Dre and Eminem. On the follow-up to the smash *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, 50 enlists a battalion of new producers, unleashing an arsenal of tracks that runs through the entire modern hip-hop canon, from club bangers (like the first single, "Candy Shop," and the acerbic "Piggybank") to retro R&B jams (the Dre-produced "Rider Music") and the street anthems and grimy crime tales you've come to expect. Out of Em and Dre's shadow, 50 Cent more than holds his own. Don't agree? Well, *you* tell 50 he sucks.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★☆

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE

Mobb Deep
The Infamous
(RCA, 1995)

Nas
It Was Written
(Columbia, 1996)

GET THIS!

> In 2003, 50 Cent bought Mike Tyson's 18-bedroom mansion in Farmington, Connecticut.

> RELEASES MAKING NOISE

BEN FOLDS
Songs for Silverman
(Epic)
Making twinkly piano rock cool with the kids is a losing battle, and thankfully Ben Folds doesn't even try, sticking to the sappy-yet-honest formula that's kept his fan base loyal for a decade. But age is catching up with Ben, his irreverence being slowly replaced with more than a dash of adult contemporary. Yet when he's on (the ready-for-college-radio "Landed" and the Elliott Smith tribute "Late"), this piano man is still master of his domain.
★★★★☆

DANKO JONES
We Sweat Blood
(Razor & Tie)
Go to the store. Buy this record. Buy a sharp knife. Now practice carving this band's name into a desk. Packed with odes to miniskirts, sexy women, and city livin', *Blood* sounds like AC/DC sniffing glue with Mötley Crüe. Its bone-crushing riffs, arena-ready drumbeats, and catchy choruses will instantly transform you into a jean-jacket-wearin', headbangin' metalhead. (C'mon, the record's called *We Sweat Blood* for a reason.)
★★★★☆

MOBY
Hotel
(V2)
Once upon a time, Moby made brash, uncompromising albums that smashed the walls between rock, soul, and dance music. Now? He makes music for swank sushi bars and crappy car commercials. Sure, *Hotel* is nowhere near as bad as 2002's über-dull *18*—but that ain't sayin' much. The songs are serviceable, and while it wouldn't kill the bald one to lay off the New Order records for a while, *Hotel* won't disturb your steaming bowl of miso soup.
★★☆☆☆

GARBAGE
Bleed Like Me
(Geffen)
Are there any die-hard Garbage fans? Seriously? Sure, after selling millions of copies of their first three records, their reach is wide, but *Bleed Like Me* shows why it ain't deep. Shirley Manson oozes whatever heroin-chic sex appeal she has left while guitars buzz, howl, and moan over skittering beats and muscular drumming. But the nasty edges are filed down and Manson's raw emotions sublimated beneath songs that would rather sound good than *feel* good.
★★★☆☆

RATINGS:

SILVER DOLLAR ★★★★★
INDIAN NICKEL ★★★★☆
WHEAT PENNY ★★★☆☆
SACAGAWEA ★★☆☆☆
LOONIE ★☆☆☆☆

REVIEWS IN HAIKU

More new CDs, reviewed in 17 syllables.

BLOC PARTY
Silent Alarm (Vice Records) Hipsters of the world, / This month's flavor will taste like / Synth-pop-rock. Again.

THE DISSOCIATIVES
The Dissociatives (Astralwerks) Silverchair frontman / Ditches Nirvana knockoff / For something much worse.

THE DECEMBERISTS
Picaresque (Kill Rock Stars) Yar, crafty songs 'bout/Boats, truckin', and army wives! / 'Tis brilliant, matey.

MARIAH CAREY
The Emancipation of Mimi (Island Def Jam) We did not want to / Hear new Mariah Carey. / And can you blame us?

FANNYPACK
See You Next Tuesday (Tommy Boy) Ghetto blasters played / This style crap in '82. / And once was enough.

FISCHERSPOONER
Odyssey (Capitol) Arty dance-dance band/Discovers verse-chorus-verse, / Makes fun follow-up.

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"Yikes! I just smelled my jockstrap."

> WORTH WATCHING

AFTER THE SUNSET

Release date: March 29

The best thing about *After the Sunset* is that it was written with one purpose in mind: to show Salma Hayek's hugetastic rack in a variety of skimpy swimsuits in the Bahamas. (Not bad for 38 years old, eh? *38!* Christ!) Sure, there's some retread plot about stealing a diamond in there, but if plots were so important they'd give a Nobel Prize for screenwriting.

Extra! The standout extras on the DVD are an interview with a real-life jewel thief and a feature-length documentary about the making of the movie, because it contains more footage of Salma on the beach. Alas, the other features are like having phone sex with the dial tone—they're one-note, predictable, and leave you longing for more Salma.

Trivia: Director Brett Ratner appeared in *Scarface* as "man lying on raft in pool."

Movie: ★★★★☆

Special features: ★★★☆☆

Movie: ★★★★★

Special features: ★★★★★

> MUST OWN

THE INCREDIBLES

Release date: March 15

A slew of lawsuits prompts the government to outlaw people who wear brightly colored tights, which not only pisses off Richard Simmons—it forces Mr. Incredible to take an early retirement! But with a new evildoer threatening the world, Mr. Incredible and his family squeeze back into their costumes to save us all and make superhero tort reform a hot-button political issue.

Extra! Special features are usually special in the Special Olympics sense of the word. *The Incredibles* breaks from this tradition with a never-before-seen animated short, "Jack-Jack Attack," showing what happened when the Incredibles' superbaby was left alone with his baby-sitter. You also get deleted scenes, blunders, and Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's honeymoon romp! (OK, that's not true.)

Trivia: John Ratzenberger, of *Cheers* fame, did the voice of the Underminer, making him the only actor to have voiced parts in all six Pixar movies.

GET THIS!

> Ross Perot complained after Doogie Howser lost his virginity.

> ALSO PLAYING

STAR WARS: CLONE WARS VOLUME 1

Out: March 22 **Director:** Genndy Tartakovsky

Clone Wars, the animated *Star Wars*–based series, has everything the new films lack, like something called "entertainment value."

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★☆

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR COLLECTION

Out: April 5 **Director:** Various

What do the three *Amityville Horror* movies and the Judds have in common? One's worth watching, one's passable, and one's just awful.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★☆☆☆

DOOGIE HOWSER SEASON ONE

Out: March 22 **Director:** Various

Party like it's 1989! Doogie's finally on DVD, so you can relive the series' many highlights . . . like, uh, Doogie typing over the closing credits.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★☆☆

HOTEL RWANDA

Out: April 12 **Director:** Terry George

A chilling flick, *Hotel Rwanda*'s lone laugh is the name of the main character, Paul Rusesabagina. Otherwise, it's all Rwandan massacre, all the time.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★☆

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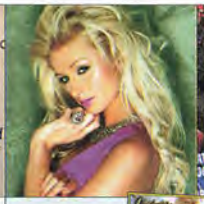
SEXPLOITATION!

After Pam and Tommy hoisted their sails for a little nautical fun, stars began using private tapes to boost their flaccid careers. And people say celebs are dumb.

It's a burning sensation!



THE TAPE	PAM & TOMMY LEE HARDCORE & UNCENSORED	1 NIGHT IN PARIS	1 NIGHT IN CHINA	GENA LEE NOLIN	JENNA LEWIS	BAM MARGERA
THE DOWN LOW	The first sex tape blockbuster. Anderson and Mötley Crüe, er, stickman, Lee vacation in . . . Oh, you know what's on it.	Hotel heiress Paris Hilton and boy toy Rick Salomon employ emerging camcorder technology.	Wrestling superstars Joanie "Chyna" Laurer and Sean "X-Pac" Waltman get it on in a disturbingly graphic romp in a tiny room.	Former *Baywatch* hottie is badgered into performing for her now ex-husband, Greg Fahlman, who barks orders.	The *Survivor* runner-up has an aerobic wedding night workout with her soon-to-be ex-husband, Travis Wolfe.	Ex-*Jackass* and current *Viva La Bam* star in a grainy but heavily stylized music-video-style romp.
HOW IT GOT OUT	Allegedly stolen from the couple's house, then pimped to an Internet porn site, where it sold like ice water in hell.	Salomon's pal allegedly stole the tape, which surfaced just prior to the debut of *The Simple Life*. Interesting.	When Chyna learned it was going to "leak," she staged a preemptive strike . . . to add creative touches. (Sadly, no barf bags.)	Nolin's publicist claims Fahlman's ex-wife might have leaked it. Ri-i-i-ght.	A New York *Daily News* gossip columnist claims Lewis released it herself. Lewis denies it. Tough to tell who's less credible.	Put on a limited-edition DVD from his brother's rock band, CKY.
HIGHLIGHT	The happy couple provides a lesson in family planning when Pammy asks Tommy when he's going to get her preggers. (Try 36 seconds.)	She answers her cell phone during sex. ("Paris? It's Satan. Now, about that deal we made . . .")	The film's close features X-Pac standing in front of the Great Wall of China, musing, "I've had about as much of China as I can handle." Get it?	Nolin, as if she were in a plastic surgery PSA, points out her scars and winces from the pain of her recent operations. What a turn-on!	In a film that confirms the beauty and sanctity of marriage, Lewis commands the man she met just seven weeks earlier, "Spit on me again!"	Sadly, no one runs in wearing a bear costume during the act to humiliate Bam, so there are few highlights outside of the club-tastic music.
CAREER IMPACT	Positive. Pam's TV show *V.I.P.* aired for four years, and people even pretended to care about Tommy Lee's solo career.	You kidding? Before the tape Paris Hilton was just another spoiled rich girl. Now she's America's sweetheart.	Too early to tell, but the sight of Chyna's meaty vittles may actually upset the delicate sensibilities of wrestling fans.	Hey, how did all those chirping crickets get in here?	Lewis says it's hurt her career. But before *Survivor* she was just a mom with two kids.	Relatively positive. When you rise to fame smashing your bike into Porta-Pottis, it's hard to tarnish your image.
HOLLYWOOD EQUIVALENT	*Titanic*	*Citizen Kane*	*Faces of Death*	*The Stepford Wives*	*Liar Liar*	*A Night at the Roxbury*

GET THIS!

> **Salomon is somehow working on a sequel to *1 Night in Paris*.**

> "INSIDE THE ACTOR" STUDIO

THE NAKED TRUTH

Who says there are no second acts in American lives? Exhibit A: a sex tape of Survivor's *Jenna Lewis!*

OK, how'd the tape get out?
Nobody knows. That week I was preparing for *Survivor All-Stars*. I'd gotten married the weekend before. We never unpacked anything. We don't know if it was lost in Vegas or once we got home.

The New York *Daily News* claims you created the Web site that originally posted it.
That's not true.

On the tape you say you're going to burn it. Why didn't you?
Well, I came back from our wedding and was preparing for *All-Stars*. So the first thing on my mind wasn't "Go home and burn the tape." I thought I had plenty of time.

Why did you tape your wedding night anyway?
Actually, we taped our whole trip in Vegas—driving there, walking along the Strip, in front of the Bellagio fountains. There's hours of footage . . . but that's the footage they used.

Any advice for other celebrities who want to tape their bedroom escapades?
Don't. I mean, I'd done it before. But if you're in the media, you have to be extra careful. I don't regret making it; I'm just really upset it got exploited.

You'd done it before? Should we look forward to a sequel?
[laughs] No, I destroyed them when this fiasco went down.

Must've been a barbecue?
No. You have higher expectations for my libido.

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HIT AND MYTH

GOD OF WAR

Sony [PS2]

Celebrating America's love affair with the classics, this ultraviolent outing can still be enjoyed by those people who believe the main characters in Homer's *Odyssey* are named Testicles and Clitoris. Live the legend as Kratos, a suicidal ex-Spartan warrior who wants to put the hurt on Ares using Pandora's box. Between blood-soaked story segments, players execute mythological monsters by brandishing the Blades of Chaos, chain-mounted swords capable of killer combos and eye-popping eviscerations. And when you get sick of solving puzzles using human sacrifices and petrifying foes with Medusa's severed head, button-mashing mini-games let you unwind by propping Hydra's jaws open or massacring the Minotaur. This is one game you might actually play again; the endings change depending on the choices you make. And you thought mythology was for geeks.—*Scott Steinberg*

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★★

BLIPS ON THE SCREEN

STAR WARS: REPUBLIC COMMANDO

LucasArts [PC, Xbox]

You are the clone ranger, toasting aliens and droids with blaster pistols from a first-person perspective. Situation hairy? Switch into night vision or issue orders to intelligent teammates. On our signal, aim for Jar Jar's head.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★½

DEAD TO RIGHTS II: HELL TO PAY

Namco [PS2, Xbox]

Call it kibbles and hits. Jack Slate and canine companion Shadow clean up Grant City utilizing slow-mo gunplay and all-new melee moves. Brutalize opponents with Katana swords, but beware: The repetitious level design is more half-assed than hard-boiled.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★☆☆

NBA STREET V3

Electronic Arts [GameCube, PS2, Xbox]

Three-on-three basketball with action that's more unstable than Ron Artest in rush hour traffic. Create custom courts, dominate dunk contests, or build a rep ruling the streets. A Beastie Boys cameo is worth ch-ch-checking out.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★½

FIGHT NIGHT: ROUND 2

Electronic Arts [GameCube, PS2, Xbox]

Float like a butterfly, sting like a glove to the groin... An intuitive dual-joystick control setup and broadband support serve boxing's reigning champ well. And now you can even be the cornerman, patching up your fighters.

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★½

GET THIS!

The government created the first video game, *Tennis for Two*, in 1958.

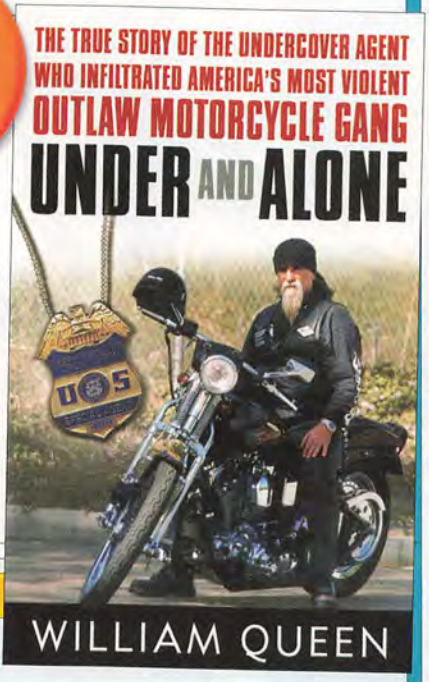
> HIGHWAY TO HELL

UNDER AND ALONE

MAXIM BOOK OF THE MONTH

By William Queen (Random House, $26)

For two and a half years, undercover federal agent Billy Queen was Billy St. John, a beer-swilling badass biker in the Mongols, an outlaw gang so violent and crazy they make the Hells Angels look like Cub Scouts on Vespas. The riveting *Under and Alone* reveals how he infiltrated the Mongols, starting out as a lowly prospect, patching in as a full member, and eventually becoming the gang's treasurer. (It's true! Bearded sociopaths *are* more fiscally responsible than corporate America!) After all the beer-soaked nights and bar brawls, Queen slowly forms a bond with his biker brethren, but with death around every bend, he finally has to take out the garbage. ***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★★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UNDER AND ALONE
WILLIAM QUEEN

> QUESTIONS FOR THE QUEEN

UNDERCOVER BLUES

Sure, Billy Queen may have put away the Mongols, but he lost touch with his family in the process. He tells us what happened after the book ends.

So, was it all worth it?
It was worth it to the ATF and it was worth it to the federal government, but it wasn't worth it to Billy Queen. It took too much from me.

What happened after you sent the Mongols to prison?
I went underground for two years and traveled back and forth from Texas to Los Angeles, going to trial. ATF transferred my family to a different part of the country, and when I ended up losing contact with my kids I *really* lost it. Law enforcement needed to lean on these gangs, but I was the wrong person to do it. It cost me too much.

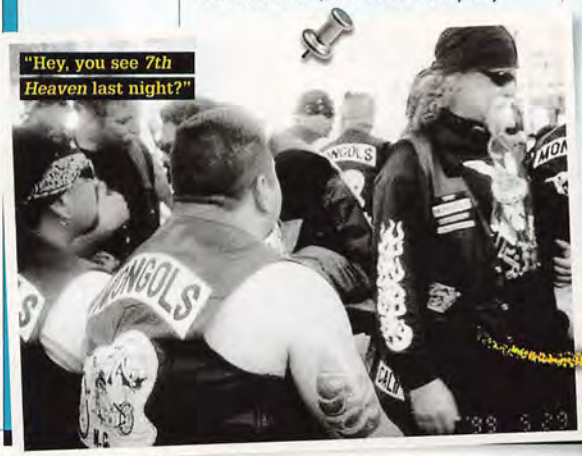
Do you miss the bikers you rode with?
Today I don't miss any of them. But I was torn emotionally, because you can't live with a group of people, go into their homes, get to know their wives and children, and not become emotionally affected by it. When it went down, I wondered whether I had done the right thing.

What's become of the Mongols?
For a period of time, they didn't know who to trust. But then they settled in and knew that I had beaten them, that it was actually Billy Queen who had beaten them. It wasn't the guys who got me in the club.

You rode with both the Hells Angels and Mongols. Who's tougher?
The Mongols. Per capita they have more violent convicted felons in the gang because they recruit from the Latino gangs around Southern California. Those gangsters grew up killing and fighting. It used to be that nobody would take on the Hells Angels, but now groups like the Mongols aren't afraid.

Are you a dead man walking?
About six months ago, the California Department of Corrections said the Mongols were sponsoring a hit and that there was a substantial amount of money involved. What I do know is that today, if I stuck my neck out and tried to do a book signing, Mongols would show up and kill me.

Are you just going to hide out forever?
No. I'm going to do one book signing, but there will be as many cops there as anybody else. I testified against these guys more than a dozen times. They know what I look like.



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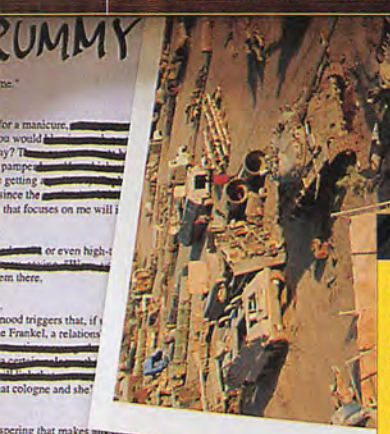

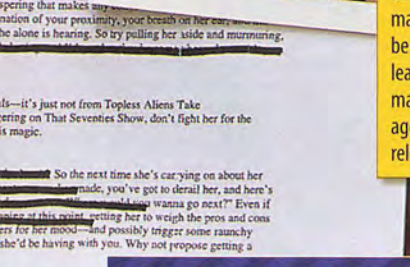

"I spy with my little eye..."

LEVEL 3

SECRET

This material could cause "serious damage" to national security, usually by revealing military or intelligence operations, or developments in our research programs. When the CIA busts into a hotel's plumbing and steals a urine or stool sample of a foreign leader (which they do all the time), it would cause serious damage if it, well, leaked. If it's a *really* sensitive stool sample, they'd label it...

LEVEL 4

TOP SECRET

This is the good stuff, material that could cause "exceptionally grave damage" to national security if it were somehow released. And yet every CIA case officer starts out with Top Secret clearance. Documents and information that can reveal code-breaking and spy satellite secrets—almost anything that comes out of the National Security Agency—is labeled Top Secret.

FULL COVERAGE

QUIET TIME

How the spooks keep the secrets in and the spies out.

■ **Background checks:** More intense than an audit. More personal than "turn and cough." To handle sensitive info, you must fill out grueling job-application-from-hell-style forms like the SF86—page after page of questions about jobs, degrees, and court appearances, plus a place to sign for the release of financial and medical records. Next there's the Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI) which traces your history—financial, sexual, social—for the past seven to 10 years. *And* they polygraph you every three to five years to double-check.

■ **SCIFs:** You can't stash those war plans just anywhere. Top-secret docs can only be stored in a building certified as a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility. Defense Security Service agents make sure the walls, doors, vents, and alarm systems pass muster and that there's "a response force capable of responding to an alarm within 15 minutes...and a reserve response force available to assist the responding force." And don't even think about using your laptop: When former CIA director John Deutch loaded classified docs onto his unsecured PC, he had his clearance suspended, was investigated by the Justice Department, and got grilled by the Senate Intelligence Committee. And he was the *boss*.

■ **BS:** After they vet the people and double-check the locks on the building, the last step is to coat every memo and conversation with a thin veneer of bullshit. Some programs even have unofficial nicknames in addition to their "real" code names. The CIA refers to its operations with a two-letter country code followed by a word (DBACHILLES was the ill-fated operation to depose Saddam in the mid-1990s; DB was code for Iraq), but around the office they might call it Mustache Shave. And some programs, like Delta Force, are "unacknowledged," or denied to exist. Finally, whenever possible they use vague language: In Iraq CIA agents are called OGAs, for Other Governmental Agency. The best way to hide secrets is inside other secrets.

ABOVE TOP SECRET

Documents carry an alphabet soup so you know which to distribute and which to shred.

CNWDI

Pronounced *sin*-widdie, this acronym stands for Critical Nuclear Weapon Design Information. This stuff is high-level info on the actual design of our nuclear arsenal, and only those with Secret or Top Secret Clearance are allowed to get access to it. Because, Lord knows, that kind of dangerous information isn't just available out there on the Internet...

SCI

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NATO's version of Top Secret.

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SPICE GIRL

Former *America's Next Top Model* Adrianne Curry brings all her flavor to *The Surreal Life*.

BY LIANE BONIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY DOMINICK GUILLEMOT

After triumphing on the first season of *America's Next Top Model*, 22-year-old Adrianne Curry needed new TV worlds to conquer. She found one on VH1. Yes, this hard-living hottie chose to participate in the fourth *Surreal Life* and live with the likes of Verne "Mini-Me" Troyer, reported woman Chyna, and the former Peter Brady, leading us to ask: Why?

"At first I was kind of like, *Washed-up has-beens?*" Adrianne admits. "Then I thought, *Who the hell am I? I'm a washed-up has-been, too, and a reality-TV contestant to boot.* I figured it was a chance to get drunk off my ass for two weeks." We can't fault that logic, and she proceeded to provide the show with some of its most surreal moments yet, culminating in her serving as a naked makeshift table for a sushi-munching midget.

Let's eat!

How did someone from Joliet, Illinois get into modeling?

I was working at Hooters when this man approached me and said he was with a production company. I'm like, *Yeah, right.* Then I see a commercial for *America's Next Top Model,* and I thought, *Son of a bitch, that guy wasn't lying!*

Winning *America's Next Top Model* was supposed to lift you to Gisele status. Has it?

Everyone in the fashion industry says, "I loved your show," but then they're scared to use me because of the reality-TV thing. It definitely swung doors open and helped get me the hell out of my hometown—otherwise I'd ▶

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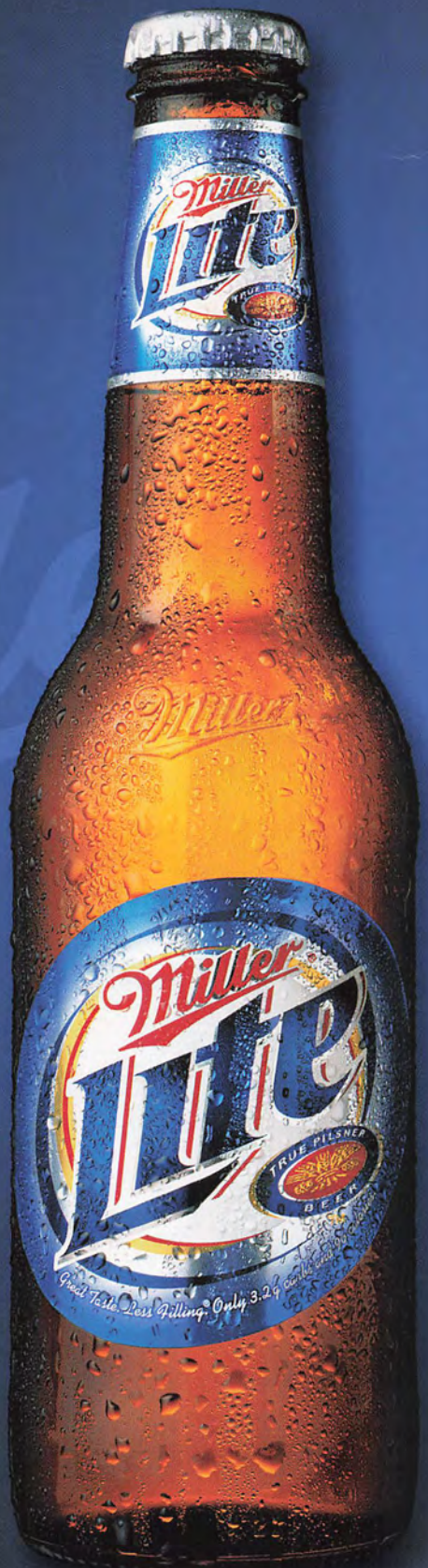

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still be a waitress struggling to survive.

What were your tricks for good tips?

I would just flirt, or I'd act like a dork if there was a woman around.

What about the lousy tippers?

I *have* spat on people's food before. I had a lady throw a steak at me because it wasn't cooked right. *Oh, yeah, I'll bring you your new steak.*

You've been described as "face is good, feet bad." What's wrong with them?

They're huge! My feet are size 11. I find a lot of shoes in transvestite shops.

What's the secret to a painless bikini wax? Our readers want to know!

I like to have a good Jäger bomb or two. But don't play games: Lay me down, spread my legs, slap it on, and rip it off. There's no such thing as a painless bikini wax, just a fast one.

Well, it's worth it, because everyone really enjoyed eating sushi off your nude body on *The Surreal Life*. How long did it take to get the fish stink off?

I think the chlorine killed it. First time in my life I smelled like fish. Verne copped a feel on my nipple. I told him, "Watch it, or you aren't

'Look, I'm a lioness. Take your bunnies and shove them up your butt.'

going to have those little fingers anymore."

You're dating Christopher Knight (a.k.a. Peter on *The Brady Bunch*). He's 47. Trying to one-up Flav and Brigitte Nielsen?

I hope to God nobody compares Christopher and me to them. I'm not this drunk, naked, have-a-fiancé-and-cheat-on-him woman. And we're really serious. Chris came to my house at Christmas to meet the family.

We understand you had a beyond-surreal experience modeling in Africa.

I learned a lot about life down there. I got parasites, and you had to worry about carjackings and getting attacked. Some models were killed; one was set on fire after she'd been raped in her own house. I bought a gun because I was not going to let anybody hurt me.

When not on TV you volunteer to pick up trash and aid rescued animals. Why does that sound like you're fulfilling parole?

[laughs] I've never been arrested—I've always gotten away with it. And I really love animals.

You've owned tarantulas, snakes, and lizards. Don't pretty girls like bunnies?

I'm a lioness. Take your bunnies and shove them up your butt. My ex and I had monitor lizards, and they beat the shit out of their prey until it dies. We'd get all stoned, throw in a rat, and watch the show! I eat meat; I'm not going to be a hypocrite. Although I prefer man flesh. M

THE MAXIM LOUNGE
See exclusive Adrianne video at **maximonline.com.**

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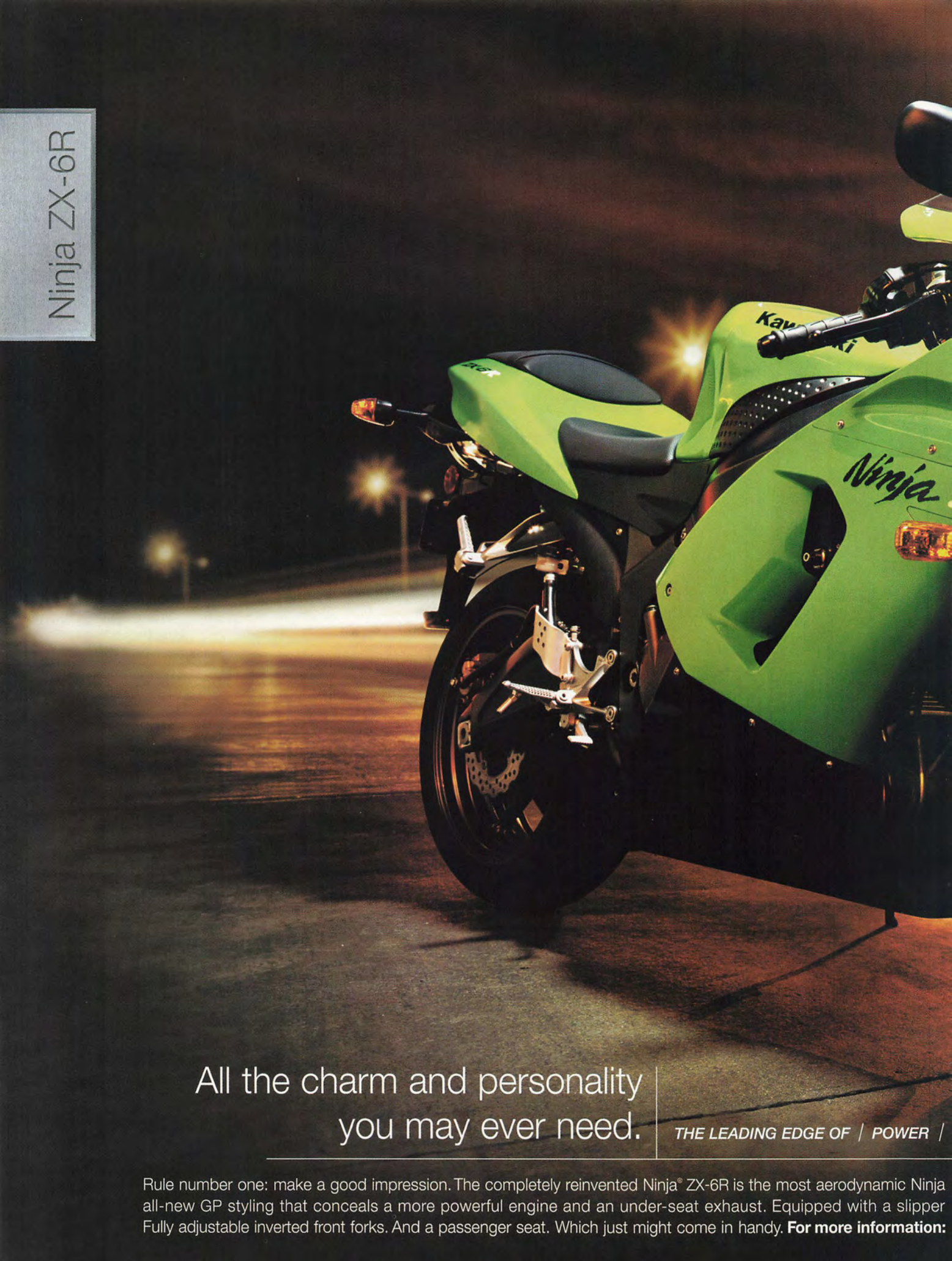
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MY NECK ON THE LINE

Abducted and held hostage in Baghdad, photojournalist Paul Taggart spent three days wondering how he would die.

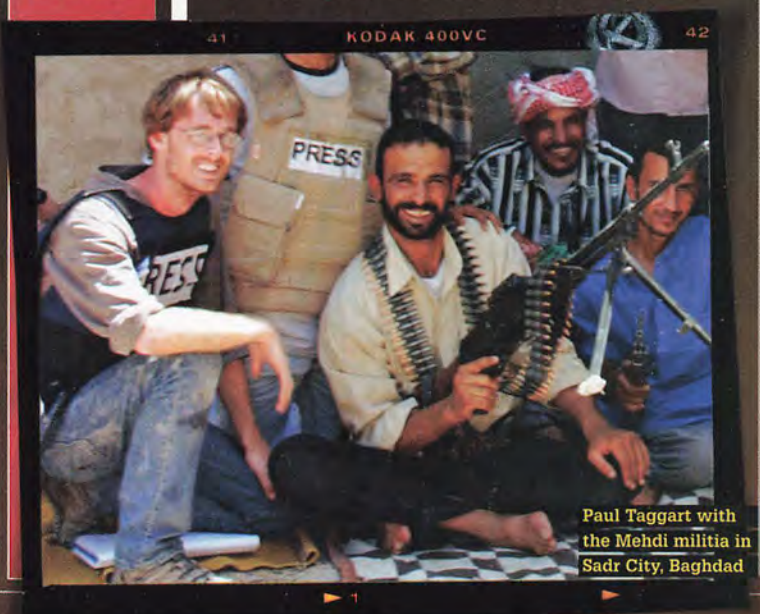
I turned to see the barrel of a pistol pointed at my forehead.

Over and over I saw the images replayed on-screen: Kenneth Bigley, the 62-year-old British engineer, wearing an orange jumpsuit and pleading for his life as six masked men with assault rifles stand over him. Immediately behind him is a man with a curved knife—presumably some kind of tribal weapon—hanging ominously from his belt.

Al Jazeera didn't show what happens next, but here's how it goes: The spokesman gives a statement demanding the release of female prisoners detained in Abu Ghraib prison, then unsheathes his knife. The other men violently force Bigley onto his stomach. He disappears as they crowd over him, and moments later amid frenzied cries of "*Allahu Akbar!*" one of the men emerges from the pack with something in his hand.

Ken Bigley's severed head.

That's going to be me, I thought—because I wasn't watching this from home or a hotel or on the Internet. I was watching it from a house somewhere in Baghdad, where I myself was being held hostage while *my* head was shopped around to the highest bidder. As the footage flickered on the screen, I was guarded by two Iraqi gunmen. And each time the Bigley story replayed, they looked at me and chuckled.



Paul Taggart with the Mehdi militia in Sadr City, Baghdad

ARRIVING ON SHAKY GROUND

I landed in Iraq in July 2004 on assignment for my photo agency, World Picture News, to cover a range of stories for publications in Europe and America. My friends and family were naturally concerned about the job, but for the most part they shared in my excitement that I would be doing the kind of work I enjoy.

During my first week in Baghdad's Al Fanar Hotel, the staff kept asking the same sinister question. "Would you like to have room 602? That was the room where Mr. Nick stayed. Mr. Nick Berg."

I was well aware of the danger of being in Iraq without being reminded of the beheading of the young American businessman two months earlier. I told them I was fine where I was, and took an instant dislike to the Fanar; it was alarming to me that they would make a joke out of something as serious as kidnappings and beheadings.

I stayed in the capital for the first few weeks to get my bearings. The deteriorating security situation meant living in the hotel, waiting for an assignment, then meeting the journalist, driver, and translator for a quick discussion of logistics, including whether or not to wear flak jackets. Afterward we'd drive to our destination, I take some photographs, then we'd race back to the hotel as fast as we could. Nights usually meant sitting outside the Fanar and watching the occasional mortar shell flash and crack in the courtyard of the Palestine, a neighboring hotel.

After a month I went south to cover the siege of the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf, where the U.S. forces and the Mehdi militia battled for weeks, leaving the Old City surrounding the shrine flattened and bodies rotting in the streets. Unlike many of the embedded reporters, I covered the battle from the ground with the Mehdi forces, often within the shrine itself.

By the time I got back to Baghdad in September, things had gotten even worse. Within a few weeks, Iraqi insurgents had kidnapped two French journalists, two Italian aid workers, two Americans, and a British civil engineer, as well as Turks, Egyptians, and an Iranian diplomat. Abductions were always on our minds and a frequent topic of conversation. But on the morning of Sunday, October 10, as I headed out with my driver and translator to cover a story in Sadr City, I wasn't thinking it was my turn. ▶

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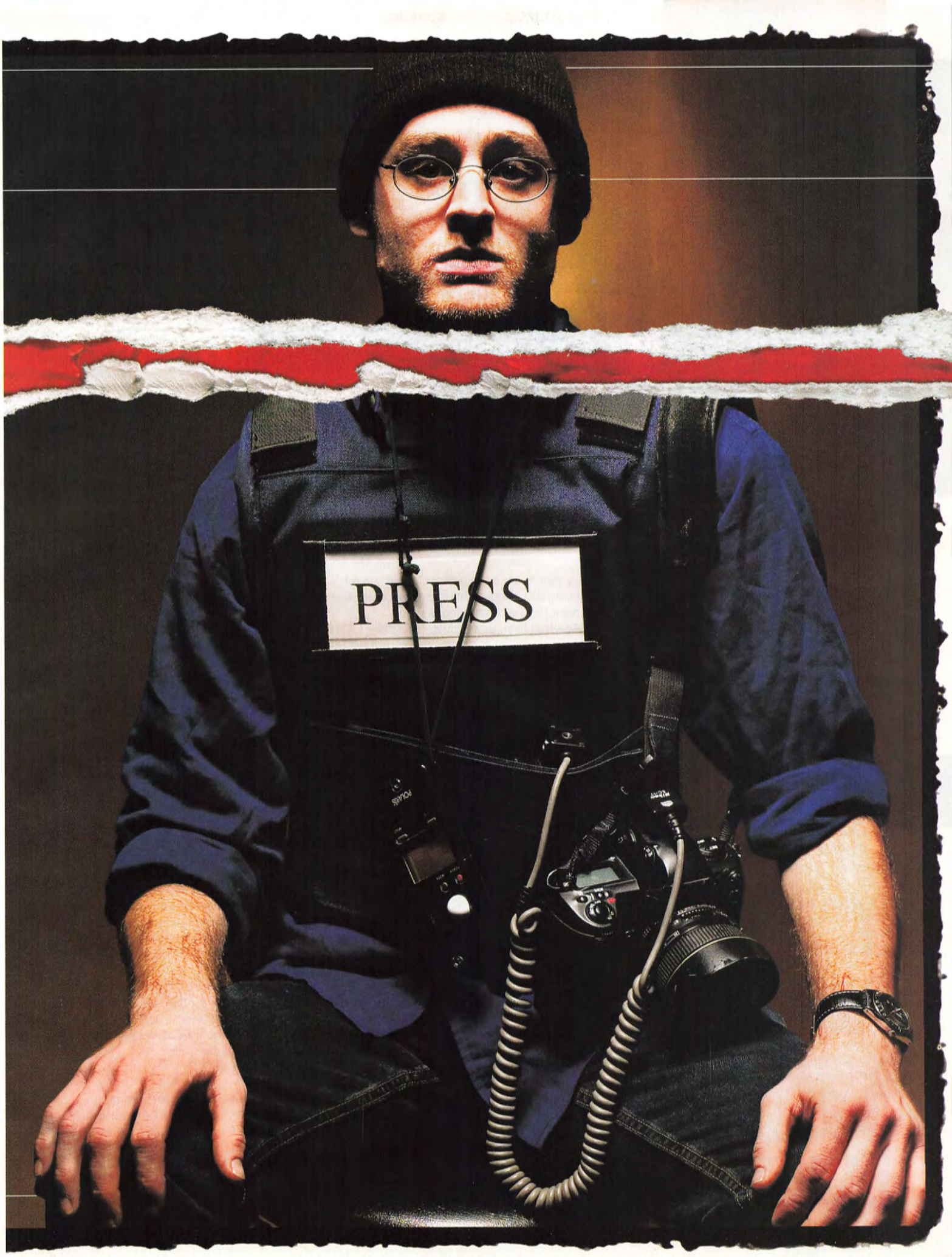
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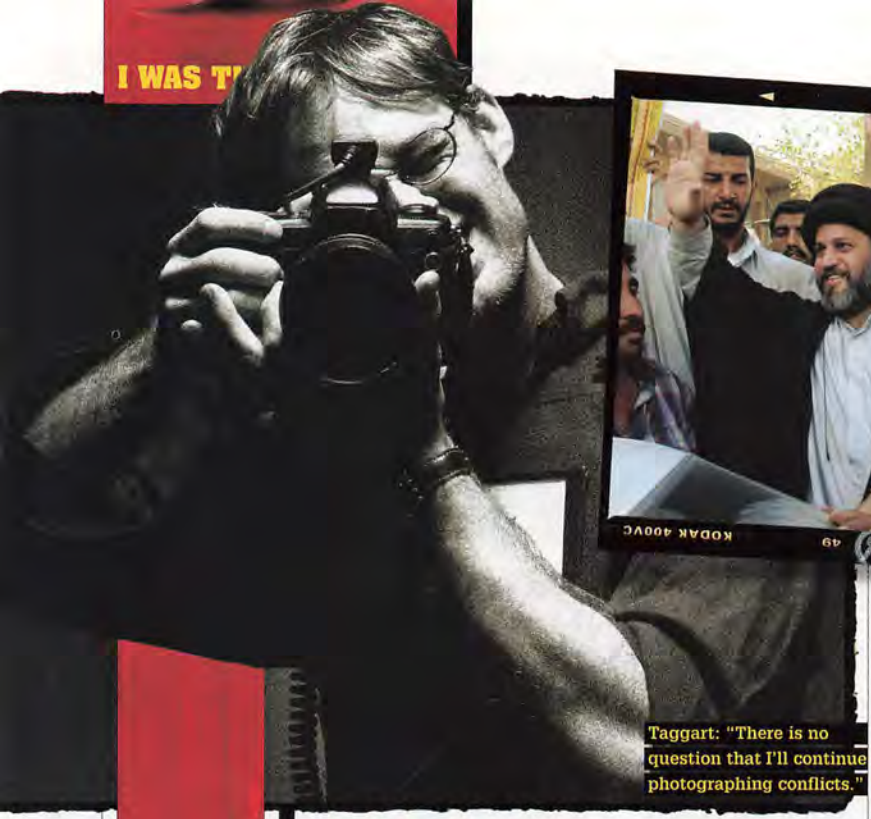
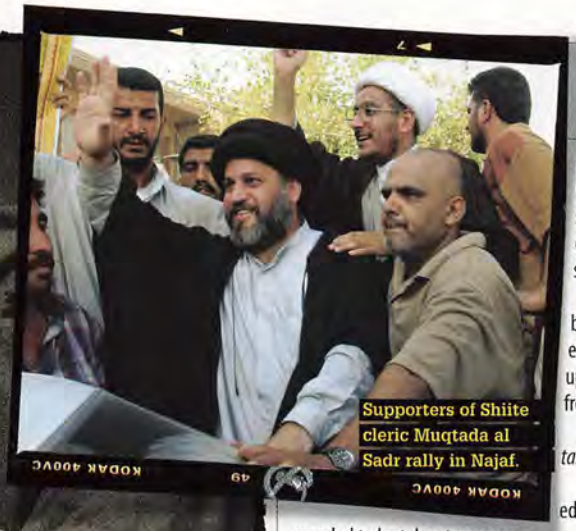


Taggart: "There is no question that I'll continue photographing conflicts."



Supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al Sadr rally in Najaf.

pushed back into the car and poked with the barrel of a gun. In the front seat my driver was also being held at gunpoint. That was the last I ever saw of them.

Two gunmen threw me into the backseat of a car and sat down on either side of me. The other two ran up to the car and hopped into the front seats, and then we sped away.

This is for real, I thought. *I'm being taken hostage.*

As we drove through the outer edges of Baghdad, I repeatedly demanded to be taken to a mosque.

"Not today, maybe tomorrow," they kept replying in what seemed like limited English. I knew then it wasn't going to be quick. It was going to be me on Al Jazeera, sitting in an orange jumpsuit with gunmen at my side. As we passed through Iraqi police checkpoints and outdoor markets, my abductors tried to reassure me, saying, "No problem, no problem."

"Big fucking problem, big fucking problem," I said. They laughed and gave me a cigarette to calm me down.

We finally arrived at a narrow side street lined with typical mud brick Iraqi homes. One of my abductors got out of the car and softly knocked on the gate until it opened, prompting the others to escort me across a small walled-off courtyard and into a one-room house. The four gunmen, along with two new men, all sat down next to me on the floor, forming a circle. The power was out—a common occurrence in Baghdad—so the room was dark and shadowy. We sat for a good while before anyone talked.

EATING WITH THE ENEMY

"You hungry?" one of the men finally asked me, breaking the silence and gesturing to my stomach.

Of course I wasn't hungry. I wanted to get the hell out of that small room and end this thing. But I nodded yes, and half an hour later two more men came to the house with food. They spread chicken and rice onto a large metal plate, and we sat in a circle and ate. Except for the guns and the fact that they had just kidnapped me, it was like every other time I had eaten in the home of an Iraqi family.

After we finished, they asked my name, whom I worked for, and where my passport was. The questions were a relief; I felt that if they had some inkling who I was and what I was doing in Iraq, they'd know I was not a threat, which would help me. Still the recent wave of abductions of aid workers meant that kidnapping was no longer so politically driven in Iraq; it had turned into a business. I answered all their questions as best I could and handed over my press card.

"*Sahafee?*" one of them asked, using the Arabic word for journalist.

"Yes," I said. Their faces went from interest to complete disappointment.

I initially took their reactions as a good sign, thinking they most likely didn't know who I was when they accosted me a few hours earlier. But in post-invasion Iraq nothing is ever as it seems: If I disappointed them, all they had to do was sell me to someone else.

For the next few hours, men came and went. Each time a new face arrived through the door to meet the American, I felt like a piece of meat for sale. I tried to communicate, asking questions like, "Why?" and "What do you want?" But I soon realized I didn't know enough Arabic and they didn't know enough English for us to have a meaningful conversation.

"I FEAR FOR YOU."

Once the electricity came back, the television flicked on and Sadr propaganda began playing. I saw footage of the Mehdi militia in Najaf from August. Having covered the siege, I recognized a few of the militia members on the screen, and I tried to explain that I had been there alongside the Mehdi. Once they understood, they seemed excited by what I had to say. I gave them the names of some of the people I had photographed in Najaf and ▶

A GUN TO THE HEAD

We were in a black Opel—a common car in Baghdad—weaving through traffic near the center of the city when suddenly we found ourselves stuck behind a stalled truck.

We first realized something was wrong when we saw a man walking quickly up to our car. Before we knew it, he had a Glock handgun pointed at my driver's face and was shouting at us in Arabic. I felt a grip on my arm and turned to see another pistol pointed at my forehead. Its owner was a bald, stocky man in his late 30s. He began pulling on my arm.

I tried to stay in the car while the driver and the translator yelled at the men; I looked and counted four gunmen altogether. Somehow two of them got my door open, and after a struggle I was wrenched out of the car and pulled across the road. I dragged my feet, but it was pointless to resist.

I looked over and saw my translator fighting to get away, but he was

This is for real, I thought. I'm being taken hostage.

BAD HOSTS

These Iraqi groups love to put visiting foreigners up...on a pike.

HOLDERS OF THE BLACK BANNERS

Salafist Muslims, this brigade of the Secret Islamic Army wants the return of the seventh-century caliphate and the creation of a pan-Islamic state whose power radiates from Mecca and Medina. HBB has been responsible for kidnapping at least seven foreigners.

JAMAAT AL-TAWHID WAAL-JIHAD

JTJ and its leader, Abu Musab al Zarqawi, claim the coveted title of Al Qaeda in Iraq. Adherents to Saudi Wahhabism, JTJ's goals are the removal of coalition forces, Iraqi civil war, and the evisceration of Shia Islam, leading to a pure Islamic state.

ANSAR AL-SUNNAH

This mini-militia appears to be a splinter of Ansar al Islam, a Sunni Islamist group founded in 2001 by Mullah Krekar to defend Muslims from secularism. Their progressive literature has stated, "We believe democracy is an atheist call that idolizes human beings".

CRIMINAL GANGS

Back in 2002, Saddam emptied Iraq's prisons, dumping thousands of hardened criminals into the general population. And like pooling pond scum, they've formed kidnap crews, snatching everyday Iraqis off the street and demanding up to $500,000 for their safe return.

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To those parties attempting to recreate the stunts contained in the new MX vs. ATV Unleashed, we offer this message: DON'T. While that seems fairly obvious to most, you'd be surprised how many people will contemplate emulating its dangerous intensity, vis-á-vis the realistic head-to-head racing experience. Ergo, THQ and Rainbow Studios put forth the following caveats to all parties: Do not attempt to make a golf cart do 70 mph, nor launch a sand rail over a moving plane. Moreover, do not undertake the recreation of any and all stunts from MX vs. ATV Unleashed in order to replicate its realistic rag-doll physics. The insane stunts and fierce racing is intended for the sole intent and purpose of an intense gaming experience, not for the discovery of clever ways to inflict bodily harm. Case in point, THQ and Rainbow Studios offer this photo as reference of the projected outcome of ignoring this warning. Honestly, what was this guy thinking? Said driver wasn't anywhere close to successfully completing the jump, nor is the other side of the canyon he was attempting to reach even in the aforementioned photo. In summation, MX vs. ATV Unleashed is not real, don't attempt to make it real.

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Taggart on assignment in Najaf, Iraq. Inset: Photos he took in Sadr City (left) and Najaf (right).

explained that I had met one of Shiite cleric Muqtada al Sadr's aides, Ahmed Shabani, and that I had gone to Grand Ayatollah al Sistani's home when Sadr met with him. I was hoping to convince them that I was someone known and accepted in the Shiite community.

After a few hours, night fell and they moved me out of the house and back into the car with the original gunmen. They drove in circles and up and down a highway as if to disorient me, then finally stopped at a new, much larger house. While exiting the car, I noticed a wedding party dancing in the street just down the road.

I sat in the house for a few hours with about 10 men who spoke Arabic while we ate a large meal. Soon an elderly man who knew some English arrived, and they asked me to speak through him. Finally, I could get some of my questions answered. Unfortunately, the man seemed a bit intoxicated, so it was hard to get much accomplished. I was told that they did not want a ransom and that if all went well I would be released by the end of the week. Maybe they thought the information would ease my stress, but it did not. I played along and smiled and said, "Thank you, *habibi* (friend)."

As the old man exited the house, he whispered to me, "May your God be with you. I fear for you."

ENDLESS QUESTIONS, FEW ANSWERS

I was then moved to a third house—by this point I was so disoriented I couldn't tell where in the city I was—where I was greeted by another man who ushered me into a small room with a TV by the door, a refrigerator in the far corner, and walls decorated with posters of Shiite leaders. The man exchanged my clothes for new ones and pointed to the space on the floor where I was to sleep.

As I lay in the dark room with my abductors on either side, I tried to sleep, but the questions kept running through my mind. *Do my colleagues in Baghdad know? Does my agency back home know? Does my family know?* I wondered what had happened to my driver and the translator. Had they been killed, or had they been released? If they were free, had they told my colleagues what had happened? I had many questions but few answers.

I started dreaming of escape. Because at least two gunmen were always guarding me, it seemed impossible to get out of the house, and I didn't know if there were more guards outside the front door. Besides, the hostile climate on the street was no place for a lost, lone American. A more realistic plan was to wait until I was moved again and then try to jump out of the car. I visualized it over and over: Ride along quietly and wait until I saw Iraqi police or U.S. troops, then open the door and dive out. It was a risky plan, and even if it was successful, I couldn't be sure the police or troops wouldn't mistake a man rolling out of a car for a suicide bomber and shoot me on sight.

As I entered my second day in captivity, I grew increasingly anxious. I wondered how long I should wait before making an insane escape attempt. I knew that WPN, my agency in New York, had past experience with abductions and would do whatever it could on my behalf. But that kind of help can take weeks. How long does one wait in the hope that some kind of negotiations are taking place to secure your release?

I also wondered if news of my kidnapping would get out. Media attention might be dangerous, especially if my captors were part of a criminal gang that planned to sell me to the highest bidder. If news of my abduction hit the international media, the price on my head would skyrocket. Typically, criminals whose only motive was a payoff sold their prey to insurgents or others in the Fallujah area. Once this happened the situation would become very difficult. If I were then further sold to a militant group, my fate would almost certainly be sealed.

During most of my captivity, the guards kept a television tuned to ▶

I wondered how long to wait before trying to escape.

STAYING ALIVE

Planning a vacation to Iraq? Thomas "Proof of Life" Clayton has some advice for you...

SETTLING IN

Yikes! Your ass just became the property of four hairy men reeking of garlic. Stay cool. "Ninety-eight percent of the time, hostages for ransom are released without harm," says Clayton, who has successfully resolved more than 600 kidnapping cases worldwide. Focus on preserving your health and mentally prepare for a long

stay. Memorize buildings and the names and traits of your captors. Keep your mind active. "Use your imagination," Clayton advises. Fleeing is a good way to die, so stay put or have a post-escape plan.

INTERACTION

Speak to your captors only when spoken to, using short, direct responses, and don't volunteer info. If you become someone's punching bag, "You'll just have to put up with it," says Clayton. Don't engage in political debates or praise or denigrate your captors' cause. Be aware of their concerns, but watch out for Stockholm syndrome—

identifying with your captors. You may be forced to write a letter or make a video listing the conditions for your release. Do it, but don't be emotional. It won't do anyone any good to see you acting like a pussy.

UPON RESCUE OR RELEASE...

Yes! Some reward monger tipped off the Marines, now they're coming for you. Whatever you do, don't run toward them. "You might be mistaken for a bad guy and shot," explains Clayton. "Stay still and listen for instructions." Don't scream or cry; that just adds to the chaos and makes your big-

balled rescuers want to shoot you, too. Most likely, your captors will simply release you when it's beneficial to them. Clayton adds, "If they tell you, 'Don't look back,' then *don't* look back." —*Todd Katz*

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Left: Taggart photographs a militia in Najaf. Right: An injured child in Baghdad. Below: An Iraqi surveys sewage problems in Sadr City.

I was afraid the next step would be the orange jumpsuit of death.

Al Jazeera. Again and again I saw images replayed of Bigley and the others on their knees, wearing orange jumpsuits and waiting to be executed. *Stay calm and don't show any signs of fear,* I told myself, but every time one of my captor's cell phones rang I thought somebody was arranging to come over and look at the goods for sale.

SMILE, YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE

On the second night, four more men came to the house. One brought out a Nokia videophone—he wanted to take my picture.

"Please, no picture," I told them. I was afraid the next step would be the orange jumpsuit of death.

"No problem. No problem. We are not Zarqawi," they said.

"Big problem," I replied, and pointed at the TV. They just laughed, and by the third day I broke down and let them take my photo. They took their pictures but soon got frustrated: They wanted me to look happier. Once they had my photo on their phones, they took turns sending it to each other.

One of my guards tried to teach me the names of the 12 imams (spiritual leaders) by pointing to their pictures on the walls of the room, and by the third day I had memorized their names and received a basic lesson in Shiite Islam.

Late that afternoon, my guards told me I would be moved again. Soon afterward the electricity was cut, and I was allowed to sit in the courtyard to get some fresh air. They brought me a couple of basins of hot water to bathe in. It made me think I was either being released or sold up the food chain and prepared for my taped execution. When they put me back in the car to move me again, I feared the worst.

Thoughts of jumping from the car ran through my head. But then I thought of Bigley. He had tried to escape, failed, and was executed shortly thereafter.

We came to a fourth house, where an elderly man and his three sons greeted me. Not long after, more men arrived, and for the next two hours they spoke urgently in Arabic. I felt completely helpless as I tried to guess my fate.

Among the group was a well-dressed man in a Western-style suit. He asked me to go outside with him.

"You will be released," he told me. Needless to say, I was skeptical of this assertion.

"If you want to release me, you should do it now," I told him.

He said that my abductors had taken my cameras and my camera bag and that I would not leave without all my possessions being returned to me.

It was already dark outside, and I wanted to say, "Fuck the cameras—let's get the car and get the hell out of here," but I refrained.

Soon my bags were returned to me, and I was put in a car and driven across Baghdad. I still could not believe I was being released. Only as we drove through the gates of the *New York Times* compound did I realize that my ordeal had come to an end.

I was greeted by a fellow photographer with a journalist's three best friends: a glass of vodka, a pack of cigarettes, and a cell phone. After taking a few moments to collect myself, I called my family to give them the news that I was alive and safe.

My father answered the phone with a gasp of relief. Within an hour of my being taken, my family had learned of my abduction. They had lived the past three days without sleep. A week after my release, I was getting off a plane at JFK Airport in New York.

OFF TO ANOTHER WAR

There were a few theories on why I ended up in safe hands rather than being executed. Most were that either a criminal gang or Shiite militants had taken me and that Sadr City militia representatives interceded on my behalf, maybe to help out in their negotiations with the Iraqi interim government and coalition forces. Another major factor may have been that my abduction was never publicized; knowing that images of me on global TV would have made me much more valuable to insurgents and in ransom schemes, the media blacked out stories about my abduction.

"You're not going back, are you?" people frequently ask me. I answer, "Yes, I'll return," and then I try to explain the dozens of reasons why I'm not crazy for wanting to continue working in Iraq.

The war is the world's most important story, and for the most part it's going unreported from the ground by Western journalists. As a photojournalist, I can't imagine saying no to an assignment of this magnitude and with this much misinformation surrounding it. Every day I've been back in the States is another frustrating day having to watch the TV news and read the wire reports instead of witnessing the story firsthand and transmitting images from the conflict zone myself.

There is no question in my mind that I will continue photographing in conflict regions, though sitting in a room for three days and waiting for my head to be lopped off has changed my perception of what it is I do.

Before this incident, I thought I was doing very selfless work by reporting on people whose voices were going unheard; now I realize how selfish this work really is. It was not just me sitting in that room waiting to die; it was my family, friends, and colleagues as well. The emotional stress they went through is unimaginable.

That said, I still believe in the importance of telling the story. As I write these words, I'm planning a trip to Chechnya, another conflict zone. But until then I'll spend time with my family. We'll have happy conversations about new nieces, and I'll trade childhood stories with my brother and his new wife. Chechen rebels will not be a topic for long conversations, nor will the fact that hundreds of people have gone missing in the region. Instead, I'll enjoy these family moments with a new, profound feeling of joy and gratitude that I'm alive to experience them. M

ASK US ANYTHING

Q Why do Islamic terrorists behead their victims?

A Evildoers across the world typically cite the Koran to justify decapitation, specifically Sura 8, Verse 12, which states: "I shall cast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads." Most recently, Abu Musab al Zarqawi cited the Koran before he beheaded Nicholas Berg, saying, "Prophet Muhammad ordered his army to strike the necks of some prisoners in Badr and to kill them... And he set a good example for us."

Some Islamic scholars argue that the terrorists are misinterpreting these lines, although they seem pretty straightforward to us. And if Mr. Zarqawi happens to be reading this, take our advice: Find a girl and relax a little. Alternatively, just kill yourself.

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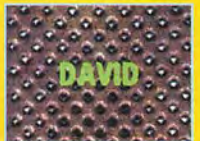

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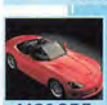
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TO CHEAT OR NOT TO CHEAT

You want to, you'd love to, but should you? Check out these tales of guys who did, and proceed with extreme caution.

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"But you're not *really* mad, right, hon?"

"IT WAS PAYBACK."

Philip Morici, 20, Melbourne, FL

Early in our relationship, my girlfriend of two years confessed she'd cheated on me when she was super drunk. I forgave her, but then I got revenge this summer. A buddy and I were out buying beer when we met these two hotties. We invited them back for a little fun, and I ended up sleeping with one of them that night.

The next day, however, I found out that in my drunken stupor I texted my girl telling her what I'd done. So there was only one thing to do: lie. I told her it was a ploy to see if she'd been cheating on me again. Luckily, she believed me.

"I REGRET CHEATING BIG TIME."

Robert Brubaker, 23, Portsmouth, VA

I cheated on my girlfriend seven times. Whenever Sally caught me, she always took me back. But by the last girl she'd had enough.

At that time I was working as an EMT and met a woman named Jennifer on the job. Jennifer gave me the attention I craved; with Sally the spotlight was usually on her. For three weeks I saw both of them. Then one day when Sally was at my apartment, I got a call from Jennifer. I told her I was busy and hung up. Maybe it was the way I said it or the way I held the phone carefully. Whatever it was, Sally picked up on it and decided to check the number and call it back after I'd left the room.

I knew I'd been caught when I heard Sally call me by my full name. As I returned to the room, I tried to think of lies to get out of it. But before I could explain myself, Sally slapped my face and stormed out. I ran after her, but deep down I knew it was over. I always convinced myself that I was cheating because I wasn't getting what I needed in the relationship. Now I realize that whatever I thought was missing was really there. . . I just didn't look for it.

"I WAS USED IN A GIRL FEUD."

Pat O'Sullivan, 23, Blue Island, IL

About a year ago I was seeing a woman named Denise, who lived in another city. We'd hook up when she was in town—a very "low-impact" relationship. One night a girl named Brandy started flirting with me at the bar where I play with my band, the Romeros. Brandy brought up Denise in an offhand yet deliberate manner, asking, "How can she keep you happy living so far away?" I figured they knew each other through Chicago's South Side bars or something, and I didn't think much of it. We ended up going home together.

The next morning Brandy gave me a fake phone number, and I soon found out the whole thing was a setup: Brandy and Denise were mortal enemies in high school, and I was merely a pawn in their catfight. To make matters worse, Denise found out about it and was really upset. I guess she thought more of our relationship than I did. I don't plan on cheating again, but then again, who knows? No matter what, I'll be more careful about who I commit to.

"I CONFESSED AND WISH I HADN'T."

"Kurt," 26, Lafayette, LA

In 2001 I started working at a department store and noticed this beautiful female named Regena in my department. She was on the verge of a divorce; I was a month away from getting married and believed I was content.

But over three years I grew more attracted to Regena. She knew what made me smile. She listened without interrupting or telling me what I should do—things my wife did constantly. Last February it happened: Regena and I were closing the store, and she said she wanted to be with me. I met her at a hotel. It started off with a kiss, and we took it from there.

Our affair continued for three months. Then one day my wife checked my cell phone and, seeing a lot of calls to one particular phone number, asked who it was. The guilt was tearing me apart, so I decided to confess. She was devastated and for months wanted me nowhere near her.

Regena and I ended things in April 2004. Since then my wife and I have tried to mend our relationship. Would I cheat again? Probably. Next time, though, I won't tell my wife. I think confessing did more damage than good.

FACTS OF LIFE

10 THINGS THAT'LL MAKE HER CHEAT

If any of these sound familiar, you could be getting sloppy seconds.

1. She's slept with three or fewer people. No matter how much she likes you, she has to wonder, "Is this it?"

2. She's going to her five-year high school reunion and decides she needs to get closure with her old crush.

3. Her girlfriends complain she's "no fun" now that she's settled down. She's hellbent on proving them wrong.

4. Her last five boyfriends all cheated on her; now she desperately needs to even the karmic score.

5. Someone famous hits on her. She isn't cheating; she's just racking up a great story to tell her friends.

6. You take her out for a magical Valentine's Day. . . and announce the two of you should split the tab.

7. When you tell her what really happened at that Vegas bachelor party, she says, "That's OK."

8. She's got a male "friend" who's just waiting for you to make one wrong move (and trust us, you will).

9. You meet your ex "just for dinner" and don't call your girlfriend by 10 P.M. By 10:01 she's fucked someone.

10. You often think (and even go so far as to tell her), *I don't deserve you.* She reasons: *Damn, he's right!*

That does it—no more marrying welders

"I HOOKED UP WITH HER FRIENDS."

Mark Hebner, 18, Thornton, Ontario

As soon as I started seeing my girlfriend, her pals found me more attractive, and I ended up cheating on her with several of her friends. Eventually, someone said something, at which point I came out and told her everything.

We tried to work things out because I really did love her, but things were too strained. In June 2004 I lost her, and any attempts to patch things up always came back to what I'd done.

"HER FRIENDS, COUSINS, AUNT..."

Tony, 25, Cleveland, OH

The first time I cheated on my girlfriend, I felt like shit. (It gets easier.) First it was with my boss, then it was on to my girlfriends' friends, her cousins, even her aunt. I've cheated with around 20 women. Nobody knows.

Recently, I proposed to my girlfriend: We're getting married in July. I think I'll still cheat, but not with obvious people like her friends. I respect men who don't cheat; it's their decision. It's just not mine.

'Her brother acted like everything was cool, but later on he beat me to a pulp.'

"SHE WAS CAREFREE. I LIKED THAT."

A. Cantu, 21, Houston, TX

Last August I was hanging out at a club when I started casually talking to this chick. She was carefree, and I liked that, since it was so different from my own situation. My wife and I had four family members living with us at that time, so we were really stressed out.

This girl had none of those problems.

We continued meeting up. Then one night we started fooling around in the car. At one point I glanced out the window—and saw my brother-in-law standing there, outside the car! He acted like everything was cool, but later on, after we dropped everyone off, he gave me five elbows to the face.

But although he beat me to a pulp, he never told my wife what I'd done.

I ended up telling her out of guilt, and it took my wife months to fully forgive me. Long story short, we moved to Houston to get away from our family and start a life on our own. I would definitely not cheat again; my wife and baby daughter deserve better. I've become a man and realize now that what I did was wrong.

And I realize that what my brother-in-law did to me that night was right.

Flame-retardant cakes: pricier, but worth it

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FIELD TEST

LOVE STINKS

Our reporter Tarita tests the resolve of 10 married men. Oops!

1. Flirted over fortune cookies; fortunes are best when you add "in bed."

2. Already hanging with a non-wife, he implied she should make it a threesome.

3. "Let's sit somewhere quiet. I would like to talk to you."

4. First comment: "Are those real?" Second: "By the way, what's your name?"

5. Suddenly couldn't remember whether he'd been married 11 or 14 years.

6. "Can I at least get a kiss for my birthday?" Tarita: "Sure, but no tongue."

7. Tarita: "Does she know you're here?" Him: "She thinks I'm working late."

8. "You like living in the Valley? Me? Oh, I live in *[suddenly loud]* BEVERLY HILLS!"

9. Gave Tarita his hotel room number "just in case you're interested." (She wasn't.)

10. Apparently hung up on wife when Tarita approached. It's understandable.

"IT HELPED ME FIND HAPPINESS."

"JR," 40, Santa Cruz, CA
I cheated on my wife a lot. I always thought there was something wrong with me. But now I realize there was something wrong with my marriage. Would I cheat again? No. I've finally found my true match.

"I GOT IT ON WITH A MASSEUSE."

Chuck Porter, 29, Bowling Green, KY
During Christmas I decided to take a Caribbean cruise on my own. The girl I'd been seeing had a great time on Princess cruises, so that's where I booked my ticket. When I boarded, I found that my girlfriend had bought me a free massage. My first day at sea I cashed in.

My masseuse walked in: petite, blonde, English accent. We started talking while she was rubbing. We met in the bar that evening—and hooked up for the next seven nights. I never felt guilty; I was having too much fun. Needless to say, I lost touch with the first girl, but I did thank her for the massage.

"I WAS ABOUT TO DUMP HER."

David, 21, La Crosse, WI
I was with my girlfriend for three years and was looking for a way to end the relationship. That opportunity arrived when we got into a huge fight. A half-hour later, some girls I knew invited me to a party. I showed up and, later that night, had sex with a girl in my Ford Ranger.

I felt really bad, like no eating or sleeping for days—but, hey, it happens.

"Quick—there's a fire downstairs! Just don't ask who set it."

'I had my wife in one city, a babe in another, and another babe in my dorm.'

"CHEATING STRESSED ME OUT."

"Mike," 30, San Diego, CA
I was in the military traveling all over the country. On one of my trips to the West Coast, I met this wonderful babe at a bar. She had no clue I was married; somehow my wedding band got lost in my pocket. We exchanged e-mail addresses and kept in touch.

Then the military decided to move me to the West Coast—coincidentally, near where this woman lived. So while my wife stayed with her family, I flew out to scout apartments and I got together with her for some crazy lovemaking.

On my way home from her place, I met another babe at a bar. The next night Babe #2 decided to pay me a surprise visit at my military dorm room. I heard a knock on my door and looked through the peephole to see her standing there in a short sundress and no bra. I let her stand there awhile, hoping she'd go away. Then I looked a second time and decided to let her in.

I was trying to be the worst host in the world so she would leave. We watched TV, but trust me, I wasn't watching TV. Finally, I couldn't help myself and offered to give her a backrub. Next thing you know, I'm kissing her neck and we end up on the floor with our clothes off.

The next day she started acting like a girlfriend from hell. She wanted to know every detail about what I was doing and with whom. So I had my wife in one city, a babe in another, and another babe in my dorm. I was forced to jump into action. I wussed out with Babe #2 and pulled a Houdini and disappeared. I was actually honest with Babe #1. I got on my knees and apologized. A month later my wife moved in with me, and we had a baby 10 months after that. I'm still friends with Babe #1. But just friends! I will never cheat again. I've never been so stressed out in my life.

"THEY ALL WANTED ME."

Bernie, 22, Rialto, CA
I was really close with my girlfriend's sister. One night she called to invite me to a club on a "girls' night out" with her friends. We drank and danced, and eventually I got "lost" with the sister's best friend. When we returned, one of the girls said she saw us leave and told the sister. We denied it. Later on, while we were dropping the girls off, that same girl asked to be dropped off last. I thought I was in trouble. Little did I know that she wanted a piece of me, too! M

ASK ANYTHING

Q How many Congressmen have had extra-marital affairs?

A According to a Congressional aide, about 20 percent of Congressmen are having affairs. Among the best recent examples: In 1993 Newt Gingrich (who divorced his first wife after she got cancer) betrayed Wifey #2 with a lady 23 years younger. In 1998 incoming House Speaker Robert Livingston acknowledged cheating with four women. Best of all, in 1998 Henry Hyde confessed to a "youthful indiscretion," which would've been more forgivable had it not lasted for five years and occurred when he was in his 40s.

"I'm a sex god!"

SEX APPEAL

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YOUR PAST

How old were you when you first had sex?

How many sexual partners have you had?

How many partners' names can you remember?

What's the longest you've been in a relationship?

Have you ever cheated on your partner? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever been cheated on? YES ☐ NO ☐

If you were caught, how?

Have you ever been to relationship counseling? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, why?

Did it work? YES ☐ NO ☐ OF COURSE NOT ☐

What is the ideal number of partners for a man to have had?

For a woman?

Do you think you are more or less sexually experienced than your partner? MORE ☐ LESS ☐

Do you prefer a partner more experienced or less experienced than you are? MORE ☐ LESS ☐

Virgins: a blessing or a curse?

How old was the oldest person you've had sex with?

How old would you go?

FREQUENCY

How many times a week do you have sex?

How often do you think a typical person your age has sex weekly?

What's the longest you've gone without it?

How many one-night stands have you had?

What's been your fastest turnaround time between first encounter and the nasty?

Have you ever made a booty call? YES ☐ NO ☐

SHAME!

What's your favorite perversion?

What's the strangest thing your partner has asked you to do?

Did you do it? YES ☐ NO ☐

Finger in the butt: good or bad? GOOD ☐ BAD ☐

What's the craziest thing you've ever done?

Have you ever had a threesome? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever used the services of a prostitute? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever had anal sex? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever had sex in public? YES ☐ NO ☐

Where's the strangest place?

Do you like to role-play? YES ☐ NO ☐

As?

Which sex act do you most look forward to performing one day?

FLYING SOLO

How often do you masturbate?

Record for a single day?

Do you indulge at work? YES ☐ NO ☐

How frequently do you look at porn? NEVER ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ WEEKLY ☐ DAILY ☐

Have you ever had cybersex? YES ☐ NO ☐

MISCELLANEOUS

Have you ever had sex with a coworker? YES ☐ NO ☐

What relation to you?

Where?

Which celebrity would you most like to have sex with?

What is your preferred approach to pubic hair on women? TRIMMED ☐ BARE ☐ NATURAL ☐

Lights on or off? ON ☐ OFF ☐

Dirty talk or silence? TALK ☐ SILENCE ☐

How much foreplay is enough?

What percentage of the time do you use condoms?

Have you ever had an STD? YES ☐ NO ☐

PERFORMANCE

How would you describe your sexual prowess? AMATEUR ☐ AVERAGE ☐ SWORDSMAN ☐

How long do you usually last?

Have you ever been unable to perform? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you taken Viagra? YES ☐ NO ☐

How would you describe your partner's performance? AMATEUR ☐ AVERAGE ☐ LITTLE TRAMP ☐

Have you ever measured yourself? YES ☐ NO ☐

If it were 100 percent safe, would you have penile-enlargement surgery? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you enjoy performing oral sex? YES ☐ NO ☐

What is the perfect breast size?

Are boob jobs cheating? YES ☐ NO ☐

How long should a man stay in bed after sex?

What is your favorite part of a woman's body?

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Have you ever made a booty call? YES ☐ NO ☐

SHAME!

What's your favorite perversion?

What's the strangest thing your partner has asked you to do?

Did you do it? YES ☐ NO ☐

Finger in the butt: good or bad? GOOD ☐ BAD ☐

What's the sluttiest thing you've ever done?

Have you ever had a threesome? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you care if your boyfriend goes to strip bars? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever had anal sex? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever had sex in public? YES ☐ NO ☐

Where's the strangest place?

Do you like to role-play? YES ☐ NO ☐

As?

Which sex act do you most look forward to performing one day?

Have you ever cheated with a friend's guy? YES ☐ NO ☐

FLYING SOLO

How often do you masturbate?

Record for a single day?

Do you indulge at work? YES ☐ NO ☐

How frequently do you look at porn? NEVER ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ WEEKLY ☐ DAILY ☐

Have you ever had cybersex? YES ☐ NO ☐

MISCELLANEOUS

Have you ever had sex with a coworker? YES ☐ NO ☐

What relation to you?

Where?

Which celebrity would you most like to have sex with?

What is the preferred approach to your own pubic hair? TRIMMED ☐ BARE ☐ NATURAL ☐

Lights on or off? ON ☐ OFF ☐

Dirty talk or silence? TALK ☐ SILENCE ☐

How much foreplay is enough?

What percentage of the time do you use condoms?

Have you ever had an STD? YES ☐ NO ☐

PERFORMANCE

How would you describe your sexual prowess? AMATEUR ☐ AVERAGE ☐ LITTLE MINX ☐

Does size matter? YES ☐ NO ☐

How long do you like a man to last?

Which do you prefer: top or bottom?

What is your favorite part of a man's body?

How would you describe your partner's performance? AMATEUR ☐ AVERAGE ☐ SWORDSMAN ☐

What is the number one thing that men could do better in bed?

What pet name do you have for your body parts?

If you were going to have sex with a woman, whom would you most like it to be?

What, if anything, occupies more of your mental activity than sex?

What was your most glorious sexual achievement?

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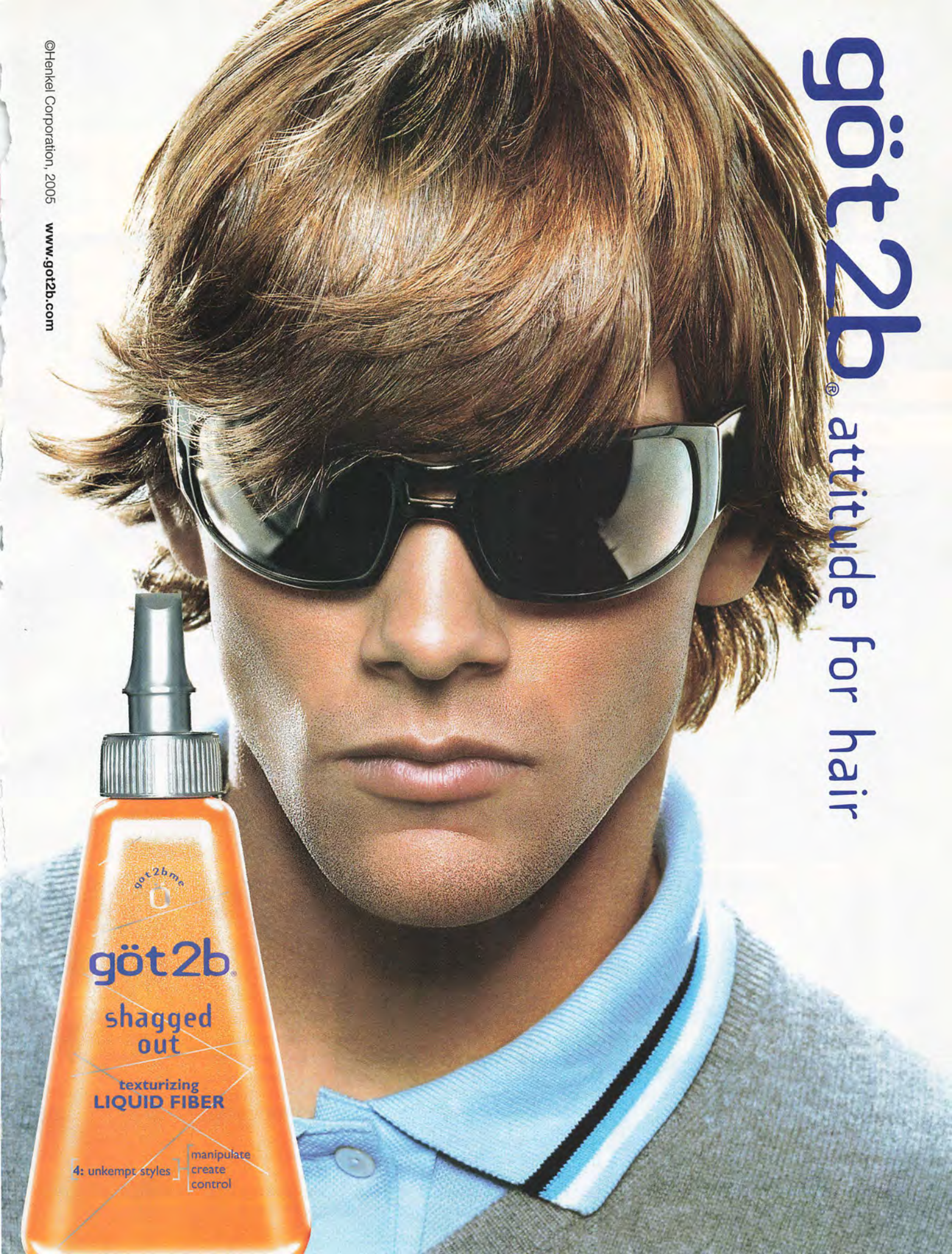
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THE GREATEST MOVIE DOUCHEBAGS EVER

Nice guys finish last, particularly on this list. Here's to the characters who show why being a total asshole can be such a beautiful thing.

BY SEAN CUNNINGHAM
ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN HARWOOD

NEIDERMEYER

10

CALEDON "CAL" HOCKLEY

BILLY ZANE Titanic 1997
Ah, to be rich, smug, and brain-damaged! Cal is a constant source of erroneous wisdom (seems that Picasso art *is* a good investment). And when the iceberg hits, he forces his way onto a lifeboat. Hey, those women and children had it coming.
Best asshole-ism: "God himself could not sink this ship!"

9

MARK

CRAIG KILBORN Old School 2003
Many men cheat on their girlfriends. Mark, however, is the only one to convince a guy who truly loves his gal to help cover up his own infidelity (well, it *is* guy code). He also has a knack for talking to children: "What are you, retarded?"
Best asshole-ism: "That's something chicks do. You're not a chick, are you? OK, good talk."

8

KENNY "PIG VOMIT" RUSHTON

PAUL GIAMATTI Private Parts 1997
Giamatti was 100 percent scumbag as the shrieking radio exec determined to get Howard Stern off the air. He fails in the movie but somehow succeeded in real life, getting Howie shipped off to Sirius with barely $500 million. You go, Pig Vomit!
Best asshole-ism: "You are the motherfucking Antichrist!"

7 CHET DONNELLY

BILL PAXTON
Weird Science 1985
Chet's just like your older brother, provided your brother is a psychopath with military training. He dishes out the sibling degradation until computer-generated genie Kelly LeBrock turns him into a talking pile of shit . . . and even then stays feisty. This is a supreme asshole.
Best asshole-ism: "You two donkey dicks couldn't get laid in a morgue!"

6 BIFF TANNEN

THOMAS F. WILSON **Back to the Future** 1985
Anyone can bully a nerd. Only Biff could bully a nerd and the nerd's time-traveling son from the future. While not the best driver, he shows amazing longevity in humiliating two generations of McFlys over 30 years. He's the bully Nolan Ryan.
Best asshole-ism: "Why don't you make like a tree. . . and get out of here."

5 FRED O'BANNION

BEN AFFLECK **Dazed and Confused** 1993
Before *Gigli* and *Jersey Girl*, Ben Affleck was a complete asshole. His football player with an obsession for paddling freshmen is obnoxious, in your face, and—this adjective hasn't been applied to Ben Affleck for years—entertaining. Come back to the dark side, Ben. You belong here.
Best asshole-ism: "Y'all ready to bust some ass?"

4 DR. FREDERICK CHILTON

ANTHONY HEALD
The Silence of the Lambs 1991
Less concerned with stopping a serial killer than scoring with FBI cutie Clarice Starling, Doc Chilton makes cannibalistic murder seem reasonable.
Best asshole-ism: "You know, we get a lot of detectives here, but I must say I can't ever remember one as attractive."

3 TINKERBELL

LUDIVINE SAGNIER **Peter Pan** 2003
What's worse than an obsessive girlfriend? An obsessive girlfriend who can fly! Determined to hold on to her man at any cost, Tinkerbell stalks Peter Pan relentlessly, nearly kills Wendy, and then expects everyone to believe in fairies and bring her back to life. Not gonna happen, Tink.
Best asshole-ism: Shrill high-pitched noises.

2 HARRY ELLIS

HART BOCHNER **Die Hard** 1988
When is a hostage not worth rescuing? When he's Harry. Upset that the rescue is slow (a coked-up yuppie has places to be!), he goes to the terrorists to make stuff happen. Naturally, they shoot him.
Best asshole-ism: "Hey, babe, I negotiate million-dollar deals for breakfast. I think I can handle this Eurotrash."

1 DOUG NEIDERMEYER

MARK METCALF
Animal House 1978
The ROTC can supply invaluable training for future soldiers. . . or it can provide a douchebag leader endless chances to humiliate cadets. This is not to suggest that Neidermeyer isn't a true patriot, for the last scene notes he nobly served in Vietnam until being killed by his own men.
Best asshole-ism: "You're all worthless and weak! Now drop and give me 20!"

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WHAT'S NEW, PUSSYCAT?

Video vamp, burlesque star, and all-around force of nature Staci Flood swept us away. Gentlemen, we are going under.

BY JEFF MILLER PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MALUCCI

Staci Flood has one of those faces (and bodies) you recognize without knowing why. Allow us to provide context: In addition to being a former member of the Pussycat Dolls revue (seen on *Maxim*'s cover back in December 2002), this 27-year-old California girl has appeared in music videos by everyone from Christina Aguilera to the Offspring. And, oh, yes, she reportedly consoled Justin Timberlake after the Britney breakup.

Recently, Staci decided it's important not only to be seen, but to be heard. She's going the way of pretty girls from Naomi Campbell to Paris Hilton and making an album. Why won't this one be a disaster? "Because it's mine!" Staci declares, noting she draws inspiration from Stevie Wonder, Brian McKnight, and chicken magnate Kenny Rogers. Before you bet against her, remember she already revived burlesque.

Now gather round and listen to her tales of negligees, football, and Pepé le Pew (we also took some photos).

You left the Pussycat Dolls...but before we get misty it turns out you've joined Carmen Electra's new gang of lasses in lingerie. Tell us about the Bombshells.
We just did a show opening for Dave Navarro's band Camp Freddy. We're doing another one for Wilmer Valderrama's birthday party. That's our gift to him—garters, bras...happy birthday!
That's nice, because we know he's been struggling in the hot women department. Other than working with antichrist Marilyn Manson, what was your most hellish video shoot?
This Noreaga shoot was on the hottest day of the year in Death Valley. It was 125 degrees out. Toward the end, a friend and I jumped in a van, turned on the AC, and hid out. They had 50 girls; they weren't going to miss us.
You performed with Duran Duran at the Super Bowl last year. Describe backstage

'The kids were so mean to me. They hit me, they kicked me, and they pulled my tail.'

at the year's biggest sports event.
Everyone got drunk and crazy in a good way. I performed at the tailgate party, so I could get drunk during the game. I was one of the screamers. And I didn't care who won, because I'm a Cowboys fan.

Why are you involved with the United Farm Workers of America?
The UFW founder, Cesar Chavez, was the father of one of my best friends in high school. I grew up around that. Haven't had a grape in 15 years.

What else were you up to back then?
My brother and I did this tour with Warner Bros. when we were 16. I was Pepé le Pew. The kids were so mean to me. They hit me, they kicked me, they pulled my tail. No one likes Pepé!

In fairness, he is French. Why are you making an album?
I want to give people those songs that, when you hear them, they make you feel good.

And—we want to be certain we understand this—Kenny Rogers generates those contented feelings in you?
When we used to go from L.A. to San Jose, my brother and I would put on Kenny's greatest hits and sing at the top of our lungs. Good times.

You spend lots of time with your brother. Is there another man in your life?
No! Not in over a year and a half. It's sad.

That's not just sad; that's wrong. Help us rectify this tragic situation: How can a non-Timberlake get your number?
Approach me in a real way. No cheesy lines, no come-ons. I like real people. No bullshit.

And if a guy seeks to blow any chance with you forever, how should he do that?
The worst thing is when someone has asked for your phone number before, and they're so drunk they don't remember. Don't talk to me. We've done this before, and you should stop drinking.

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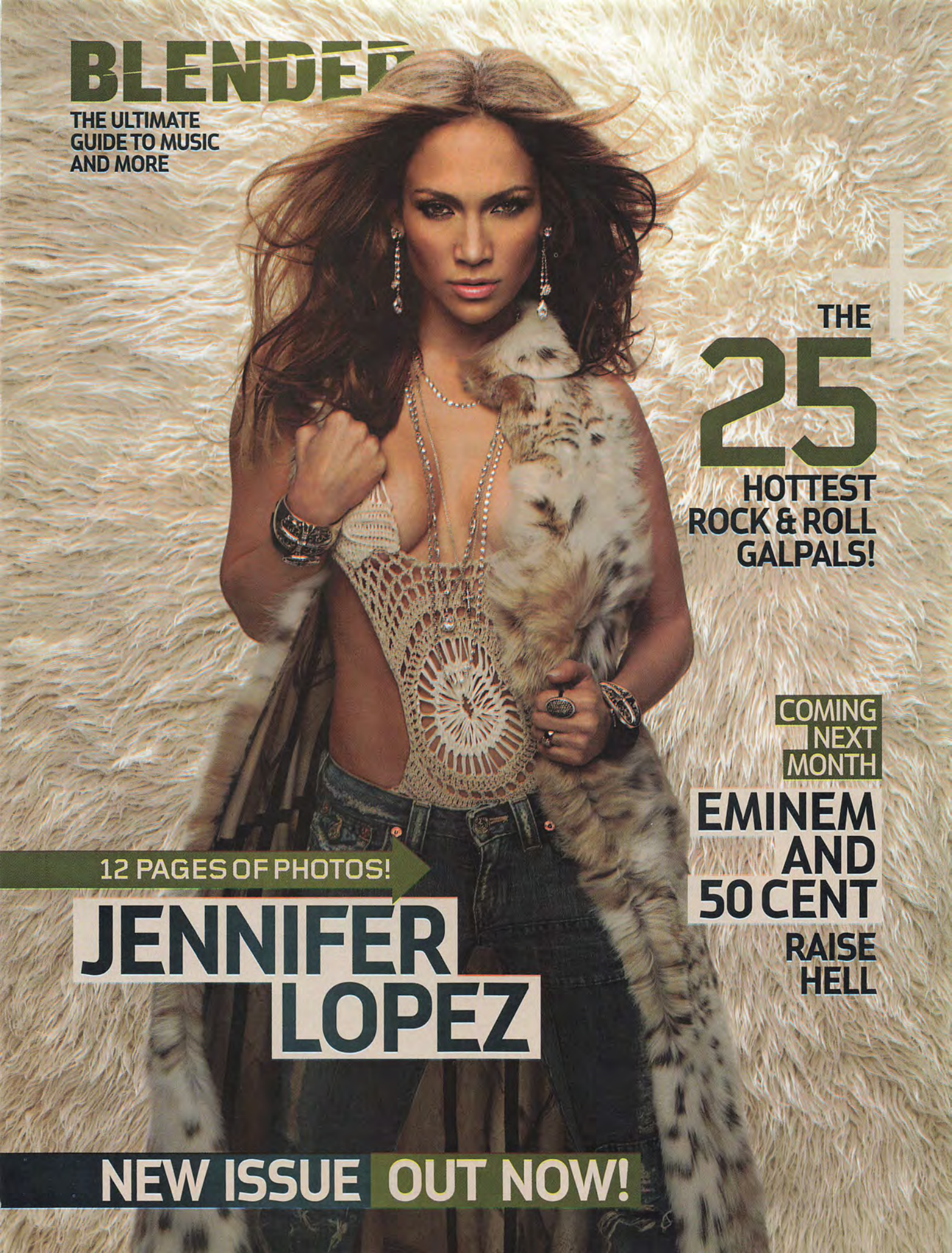
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We had 100 bulls, but not many survived the branding

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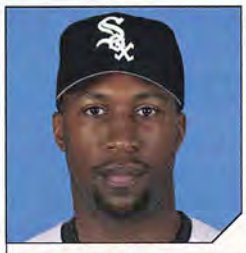
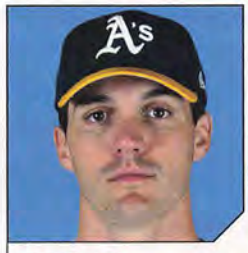
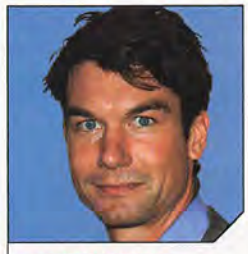
DRAFT LIKE THE PROS

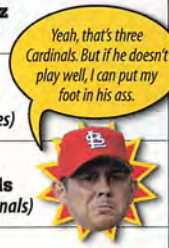
We got four baseball insiders (and one celebrity fan) together to pick their own 2005 fantasy squads—and talk smack.

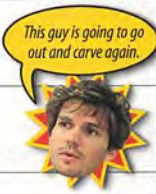
ROUND	JERMAINE DYE OUTFIELDER CHICAGO WHITE SOX	JASON ISRINGHAUSEN RELIEF PITCHER ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	JOHN KRUK ESPN BROADCASTER, FORMER FIRST BASEMAN	BARRY ZITO PITCHER OAKLAND ATHLETICS	JERRY O'CONNELL ACTOR *CROSSING JORDAN*
1	Barry Bonds (OF, Giants)	Albert Pujols (1B, Cardinals)	Jim Thome (1B, Phillies)	Adrian Beltre (3B, Mariners)	David Ortiz (1B, Red Sox)
2	Randy Johnson (SP, Yankees)	Alex Rodriguez (SS/3B, Yankees)	Jeff Kent (2B, Dodgers)	Michael Young (SS, Rangers)	Alex Cora (2B, Indians)
3	Manny Ramirez (OF, Red Sox)	Scott Rolen (3B, Cardinals)	Hank Blalock (3B, Rangers)	Bret Boone (2B, Mariners)	Derek Jeter (SS, Yankees)
4	Ichiro Suzuki (OF, Mariners)	Tim Hudson (SP, Braves)	Carlos Guillen (SS, Tigers)	Paul Konerko (1B, White Sox)	Jason Varitek (C, Red Sox)
5	Mariano Rivera (RP, Yankees)	Eric Gagne (RP, Dodgers)	Javy Lopez (C, Orioles)	Jason Kendall (C, A's)	Shawn Green (OF/1B, Diamondbacks)
6	Ivan Rodriguez (C, Tigers)	Vladimir Guerrero (OF, Angels)	Adam Dunn (OF, Reds)	Johnny Damon (OF, Red Sox)	Trot Nixon (OF, Red Sox)
7	Eric Chavez (3B, A's)	Alfonso Soriano (2B, Rangers)	Lance Berkman (OF, Astros)	J.D. Drew (OF, Dodgers)	Barry Zito (SP, A's)
8	Curt Schilling (SP, Red Sox)	Carlos Beltran (OF, Mets)	Carlos Zambrano (SP, Cubs)	Gary Sheffield (OF, Yankees)	Mike Mussina (SP, Yankees)
9	Carlos Delgado (1B, Marlins)	Pedro Martinez (SP, Mets)	Johan Santana (SP, Twins)	Jason Schmidt (SP, Giants)	Keith Foulke (RP, Red Sox)
10	Miguel Tejada (SS, Orioles)	Jorge Posada (C, Yankees)	Aramis Ramirez (DH, Cubs)	Mark Prior (SP, Cubs)	Milton Bradley (OF, Dodgers)
11	Garret Anderson (DH, Angels)	Jim Edmonds (OF, Cardinals)	Bobby Abreu (OF, Phillies)	Joe Nathan (RP, Twins)	Mike Lamb (3B, Astros)
12	Juan Uribe (2B, White Sox)	Todd Helton (DH, Rockies)	John Smoltz (RP, Braves)	Bobby Crosby (DH, A's)	Chipper Jones (DH, Braves)
	"I feel very confident, and I'm going to kill everybody."	"Now everybody can watch all season and see how bad I beat everybody's ass. It's going to be a lot of fun!"	"I feel good. I'm a little upset I couldn't take Strawberry, but I feel good."	"I can't believe I got Sheff in the eighth round. What a steal! Tell me, what the heck were you guys thinking?"	"I know it's illegal for you guys to gamble, but if anyone wants to do something on the side, I'm taking bets."











DRAFT DAY CHEAT

1ST BASE

ALBERT PUJOLS, Cardinals
'04 numbers: 46 HR, 123 RBI, .331
'05 projection: 51 HR, 135 RBI, .320

JIM THOME, Phillies
'04 numbers: 42 HR, 105 RBI, .274
'05 projection: 40 HR, 102 RBI, .300

DAVID ORTIZ, Red Sox
'04 numbers: 41 HR, 139 RBI, .301
'05 projection: 44 HR, 144 RBI, .326

MARK TEIXEIRA, Rangers The switch-hitting winner of the Silver Slugger award won't stay unknown for long. Teixeira's 38 home runs and 112 RBI last year make him a legit starter in any fantasy league.

LYLE OVERBAY, Brewers Doubters, reconsider. He's capable of hitting over .300 with 50 doubles and 100 RBI and is likely to bat cleanup for the Brewers after breaking Robin Yount's franchise record in 2004 with 53 doubles.

TRAVIS HAFNER, Indians As DH his .993 OPS was second in the AL only to Manny Ramirez—and that was with a bum elbow, which is now healed. With arbitration pending after this season, this kid will shine.

JEFF BAGWELL, Astros

2ND BASE

JEFF KENT, Dodgers
'04 numbers: 27 HR, 107 RBI, .289
'05 projection: 30 HR, 110 RBI, .301

ALFONSO SORIANO, Rangers
'04 numbers: 28 HR, 91 RBI, .280
'05 projection: 33 HR, 103 RBI, .298

MARK LORETTA, Padres
'04 numbers: 16 HR, 76 RBI, .335
'05 projection: 21 HR, 95 RBI, .322

BRET BOONE, Mariners You're not signing him to a long-term deal, so forget his advanced age. Even at 36, he'll put up 25 home runs, 110 RBI, and a decent OBP—and off-season surgery on his eyes should help.

MICHAEL YOUNG, Rangers Although Soriano pushed him to SS last year, check to see if he's available at 2nd in your league. He's the only guy in Rangers history to have two 200-hit seasons. . . Need we say more?

MARCUS GILES, Braves Hands-down the most consistent number two hitter in the majors, and he can steal bases. Look for 90 RBI, 30 SB, and a .320 average in '05.

RONNIE BELLIARD, Indians

SHORTSTOP

MIGUEL TEJADA, Orioles
'04 numbers: 34 HR, 150 RBI, .311
'05 projection: 31 HR, 133 RBI, .305

EDGAR RENTERIA, Red Sox
'04 numbers: 10 HR, 72 RBI, .287
'05 projection: 20 HR, 88 RBI, .320

DEREK JETER, Yankees
'04 numbers: 23 HR, 78 RBI, .292
'05 projection: 22 HR, 107 RBI, .312

BOBBY CROSBY, Athletics The AL Rookie of the Year took over at SS when Tejada left, hitting 22 HRs and knocking in 64 RBI. If you can stomach it, fill in the rest of your roster first and take this guy after the fifth round.

CARLOS GUILLEN, Tigers With 20 HR, 97 RBI, and a .318 average, this guy put up better-than-Jeter numbers despite missing the last month. Daily roster change alert: He's dominant from the left side.

KHALIL GREENE, Padres This guy's a sleeper only because nobody follows the Padres. Among NL shortstops, his combined slugging and on-base percentage (OPS) trailed only that of the Phillies' Jimmy Rollins.

ORLANDO CABRERA, Angels

3RD BASE

ALEX RODRIGUEZ, Yankees
'04 numbers: 36 HR, 106 RBI, .286
'05 projection: 42 HR, 110 RBI, .310

SCOTT ROLEN, Cardinals
'04 numbers: 34 HR, 124 RBI, .314
'05 projection: 34 HR, 120 RBI, .311

ADRIAN BELTRE, Mariners
'04 numbers: 48 HR, 121 RBI, .334
'05 projection: 40 HR, 110 RBI, .320

ARAMIS RAMIREZ, Cubs The best baseball player you've barely heard of won't be that for long. With 36 home runs, 103 RBI, and a .318 average last year, you better hope you're the one with him come playoff time.

HANK BLALOCK, Rangers In a little over two seasons, Blalock has put a lock on the hot corner in Texas, with 64 home runs, 217 RBI, and a solid slugging percentage of .490—and 73 extra-base hits in 2004.

CASEY BLAKE, Indians This guy was fourth among AL third basemen in HRs (28) and RBI (88). . . but tops in errors. Good thing fielding means less than a stripper's IQ in the world of fantasy baseball.

MELVIN MORA, Orioles

PITCHERS

JASON SCHMIDT, Giants *'04 Numbers:* 3.20 ERA, 18 W, 251 K, 1.08 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 3.10 ERA, 20 W, 270 K, 0.90 WHIP

RANDY JOHNSON, Yankees *'04 Numbers:* 2.60 ERA, 16 W, 290 K, 0.90 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 2.40 ERA, 20 W, 300 K, 1.00 WHIP

MARK PRIOR, Cubs *'04 Numbers:* 4.02 ERA, 6 W, 139 K, 1.35 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 3.50 ERA, 14 W, 200 K, 1.40 WHIP

JOHAN SANTANA, Twins *'04 Numbers:* 2.61 ERA, 20 W, 265 K, 0.92 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 2.45 ERA, 18 W, 250 K, 1.00 WHIP

CARLOS ZAMBRANO, Cubs *'04 Numbers:* 2.75 ERA, 16 W, 188 K, 1.22 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 2.50 ERA, 18 W, 200 K, 1.40 WHIP

CURT SCHILLING, Red Sox *'04 Numbers:* 3.26 ERA, 21 W, 203 K, 1.06 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 3.00 ERA, 18 W, 200 K, 1.25 WHIP

TIM HUDSON, Braves *'04 Numbers:* 3.53 ERA, 12 W, 103 K, 1.26 WHIP *'05 Projection:* 3.00 ERA, 16 W, 130 K, 1.20 WHIP

JAKE WESTBROOK, Indians Even on a horrible Cleveland team last year, Westbrook somehow managed to dominate with 14 wins. Get him on your radar before everyone else does. . . and gloat joyfully.

JAKE PEAVY, Padres On the disabled list for over a month, Peavy still led the Padres staff in strikeouts (173) and led the majors in ERA (2.27) in just his second full season. Sleepers rarely come this obvious.

CARL PAVANO, Yankees Another maddening Yankees purchase. Every GM knew about this guy's 18-8 Marlins record. But the Bombers had the cash. . . Get over your anger and pick him up.

RICH HARDEN, Athletics After a mediocre start, Harden went 8-2 after the 2004 all-star break—and had 13 no-decisions. He should benefit from having closer Octavio Dotel back.

PEDRO MARTINEZ, Mets

MIKE HAMPTON, Braves

MIKE MUSSINA, Yankees

BRAD RADKE, Twins

SHEET

The clock's ticking—who do you pick? No-brainers, sleepers, and the guys you should just forget about.

COLOR KEY: NO-BRAINER SLEEPER OVERRATED

CATCHER

JAVY LOPEZ, Orioles
'04 numbers: 23 HR, 86 RBI, .316
'05 projection: 31 HR, 92 RBI, .308

IVAN RODRIGUEZ, Tigers
'04 numbers: 19 HR, 86 RBI, .334
'05 projection: 25 HR, 100 RBI, .330

JASON VARITEK, Red Sox
'04 numbers: 18 HR, 73 RBI, .296
'05 projection: 22 HR, 80 RBI, .280

VICTOR MARTINEZ, Indians His 23 HR and 108 RBI were the best of any catcher in the major leagues. And people say there's nothing worth buying in Cleveland?

JOHNNY ESTRADA, Braves Better than Lo Duca and a steal in any late round, he batted .338 with runners in scoring position and was one of only two switch-hitting catchers since 1923 to post a .300 batting average (.314).

BRANDON INGE, Tigers Check your league for rules on multiple-position players—then consider Inge (.327 against lefties), who was behind the plate 39 times in '04, in the outfield 28 times, and ended the season at 3rd base.

MICHAEL BARRETT, Cubs

LEFT FIELD

BARRY BONDS, Giants
'04 numbers: 45 HR, 101 RBI, .362
'05 projection: 42 HR, 106 RBI, .340

MANNY RAMIREZ, Red Sox
'04 numbers: 43 HR, 130 RBI, .308
'05 projection: 44 HR, 121 RBI, .321

ADAM DUNN, Reds
'04 numbers: 46 HR, 102 RBI, .266
'05 projection: 38 HR, 111 RBI, .287

MOISES ALOU, Giants 39 HR, 106 RBI, and a .293 average...a sleeper? Yep, because no one would piss on this guy if he were on fire. But this year his father's his manager, meaning Moises might behave and do his chores.

CARL CRAWFORD, Devil Rays If you need stolen bases and hits, which every fantasy owner does, this is your man. He's the 11th American League player to total 50 extra-base hits, 50 steals, and 100 runs in a single season.

ERIC BYRNES, Athletics He had career highs in hits (161), HRs (20), and RBI (73), but you should be able to steal him before the fourth round. He destroyed left-handers (.344), so think about using him in favorable situations.

MATT LAWTON, Pirates

CENTER FIELD

JIM EDMONDS, Cardinals
'04 numbers: 42 HR, 111 RBI, .301
'05 projection: 39 HR, 112 RBI, .333

ANDRUW JONES, Braves
'04 numbers: 29 HR, 91 RBI, .261
'05 projection: 26 HR, 90 RBI, .271

CARLOS BELTRAN, Mets
'04 numbers: 38 HR, 104 RBI, .267
'05 projection: 40 HR, 108 RBI, .280

GARRET ANDERSON, Angels Injuries cut his HR total (14) in half and limited Anderson to just 112 games in '04. Most scouts will tell you he's finished. That's why they're scouts and not general managers—get him.

ROCCO BALDELLI, Devil Rays If you have patience, Baldelli is your man. Off-season surgery will keep him off the opening day roster, but his 16 HR and 74 RBI weren't far behind Johnny Damon.

JEROMY BURNITZ, Cubs Have a problem with fat white guys? Pass on this 36-year-old, 213-pound beach bum—and his 37 HRs, 110 RBI, and .283 average. They'll dip a bit at Wrigley, but this Tom Arnold look-alike can mash.

BERNIE WILLIAMS, Yankees

RIGHT FIELD

BOBBY ABREU, Phillies
'04 numbers: 30 HR, 105 RBI, .301
'05 projection: 30 HR, 107 RBI, .300

VLADIMIR GUERRERO, Angels
'04 numbers: 39 HR, 126 RBI, .337
'05 projection: 44 HR, 122 RBI, .333

GARY SHEFFIELD, Yankees
'04 numbers: 36 HR, 121 RBI, .290
'05 projection: 30 HR, 101 RBI, .286

MAGGLIO ORDOÑEZ, Tigers Start an injury rumor before the draft, then let this frequently hurt crusher fall into your hands. He only played a measly 52 games in '04 but still managed nine HR, 37 RBI, and 59 hits.

LANCE BERKMAN, Astros Fire sale! Berkman underwent off-season knee surgery after getting hurt in a church flag football game. Opening the season on the DL will scare most people off this slugger.

MIGUEL CABRERA, Marlins This freakishly talented kid finished his first full season by leading the Marlins with 33 home runs and 112 RBI and a place on the all-star team.

JOSE CRUZ JR., Diamondbacks

CLOSERS

JON LIEBER, Phillies A steal of the free-agent pitching market, Lieber led the Yankees staff in wins despite returning from Tommy John surgery. With Philly's run support, he'll rack up wins in the NL.

DEREK LOWE, Dodgers

WOODY WILLIAMS, Padres After going 10-3 to close out last year, the 38-year-old will be rejuvenated by a young, talented Padres staff. And, c'mon, his name is Woody. You can't beat that.

MARK BUEHRLE, White Sox

MARIANO RIVERA, Yankees *'04 numbers:* 1.94 ERA, 53 S, 66 K, 1.08 WHIP
'05 projection: 2.00 ERA, 50 S, 70 K, 1.00 WHIP

DANNY GRAVES, Reds
'04 numbers: 3.95 ERA, 41 S, 40 K, 1.32 WHIP
'05 projection: 2.50 ERA, 45 S, 50 K, 1.50 WHIP

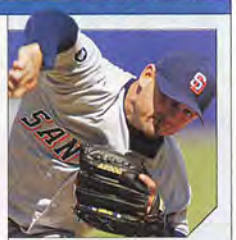
ERIC GAGNE, Dodgers
'04 numbers: 2.19 ERA, 45 S, 114 K, 0.91 WHIP
'05 projection: 2.00 ERA, 40 S, 100 K, 0.90 WHIP

JOE NATHAN, Twins Nathan, a former shortstop, somehow didn't allow a run in 20 appearances, posting 14 saves over the stretch. Then he tore off another 28-game stretch without a run, and 20 saves too.

JOE BOROWSKI, Cubs

FRANCISCO CORDERO, Rangers Consecutive save streaks of 21 and 19 helped this first full-year closer finish with 49—behind only Mariano Rivera. He may not be a sleeper for long, so act quick.

TROY PERCIVAL, Tigers



TREVOR HOFFMAN, Padres All four of his blown saves (out of 45 chances) in '04 came in games started by David Wells. Now Wells has shuffled off to Beantown, so Trevor should cruise on, fully healthy.

ARMANDO BENITEZ, Giants

CHAMPS AND CHUMPS

Fox Sports play-by-play man Kenny Albert gives us the call on each division's firsts and worsts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NL EAST

1. *New York*
2. *Philadelphia*
3. *Atlanta*
4. *Florida*
5. *Washington*

Division champs
NEW YORK METS
"If those arms in Queens stay healthy, I like their chances... but it'll probably never happen."
Wild card
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES "Most people will go with the popular pick, the Braves. Not me."
Cellar dwellers
WASHINGTON NATIONALS
"They're still last year's Expos."

NL CENTRAL

1. *Chicago*
2. *St. Louis*
3. *Houston*
4. *Cincinnati*
5. *Milwaukee*
6. *Pittsburgh*

Division champs
CHICAGO CUBS
"I picked them to win it last year, too. But if Wood and Prior can stay in the starting rotation, they'll be tough to beat."
Cellar dwellers
PITTSBURGH PIRATES "The Pirates and the Brewers will beat each other up all season. Milwaukee's just mediocre enough to sneak past 'em."

NL WEST

1. *San Diego*
2. *Los Angeles*
3. *San Francisco*
4. *Arizona*
5. *Colorado*

Division champs
SAN DIEGO PADRES
"How's that for a dark horse? These guys are young. They have a brand-new ballpark. And I'm predicting they're going to squeak by the Dodgers and Giants this year."
Cellar dwellers
COLORADO ROCKIES
"Without a dominant pitching staff, it's tough to win way up there in the ball-friendly mountains."

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AL EAST

1. *New York*
2. *Boston*
3. *Baltimore*
4. *Tampa Bay*
5. *Toronto*

Division champs
NEW YORK YANKEES
"[Jaret] Wright, [Randy] Johnson, and [Carl] Pavano will make the difference."
Wild card
BOSTON RED SOX
"They have more question marks. What is David Wells, 42?"
Cellar dwellers
TORONTO BLUE JAYS "36 games against the Yanks and Sox is a lot for any team."

AL CENTRAL

1. *Chicago*
2. *Minnesota*
3. *Detroit*
4. *Cleveland*
5. *Kansas City*

Division champs
CHICAGO WHITE SOX
"Ozzie Guillen is in his second year as manager, and I think that will help. But I know as well as anyone that come October everything I'm saying could be wrong."
Cellar dwellers
KANSAS CITY ROYALS "Losing Carlos Beltran last year really hurt this team, and they still haven't fully recovered from the impact it had."

AL WEST

1. *Anaheim*
2. *Texas*
3. *Seattle*
4. *Oakland*

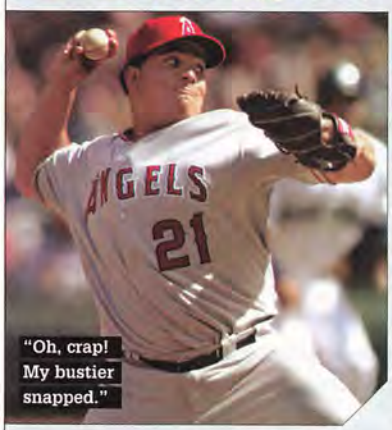
Division champs
ANAHEIM ANGELS
"Oakland and Texas are simply dropping right out of the picture. I see a real letdown for Texas after their incredible '04."
Cellar dwellers
OAKLAND A'S
"Oakland lost a lot when they lost [Mark] Mulder and [Tim] Hudson. They should be back in a few years with the picks they got in return, but '05 is going to be tough."

WORLD SERIES

YANKEES vs. CUBS
"A popular pick for a lot of folks, and I can't disagree at this point. New York's combination of hitting and pitching will win it."

DRAFT DODGERS

Specialists are fool's gold in fantasy sports. Here are five of the overvalued that'll land you on the express train to Loserville.



SCOTT PODSEDNIK

Feast: His 70 steals in '04 topped Carl Crawford's 59 and Juan Pierre's 45.
Famine: Steals are one tenth of total points in many leagues, so it's tempting to get a speedster—but drafting a quick outfielder with 39 RBI is like paying a hooker to come over and cook your dinner.

BEN SHEETS

Feast: With 264 strikeouts in 237 innings and a great WHIP, Sheets looks like a no-brainer.
Famine: Ahem... the Brewers. Any team that can lose 14 games for a guy with a 2.70 ERA is not going to pull your gravy train to victory.

RAFAEL FURCAL

Feast: Twenty-nine stolen bases and 103 runs are huge fantasy numbers.
Famine: He pleaded guilty to his second DUI this off-season—why waste a pick on a guy who'll need to be picked out of the gutter by May Day? 59 RBI in 143 games spells "no thank you, sir!"

BARTOLO COLON

Feast: He gets a lot of innings and strikeouts for the Angels.
Famine: His 5.01 ERA and 1.37 WHIP (including an astronomical 215 hits in just 208.1 innings) last year were horrendous. Plus, he's fat.

ORLANDO CABRERA

Feast: One of the best shortstops in the game (and he won the World Series).
Famine: Yes, he's one of the best shortstops—defensively, which means nothing to you and your fantasy league. M

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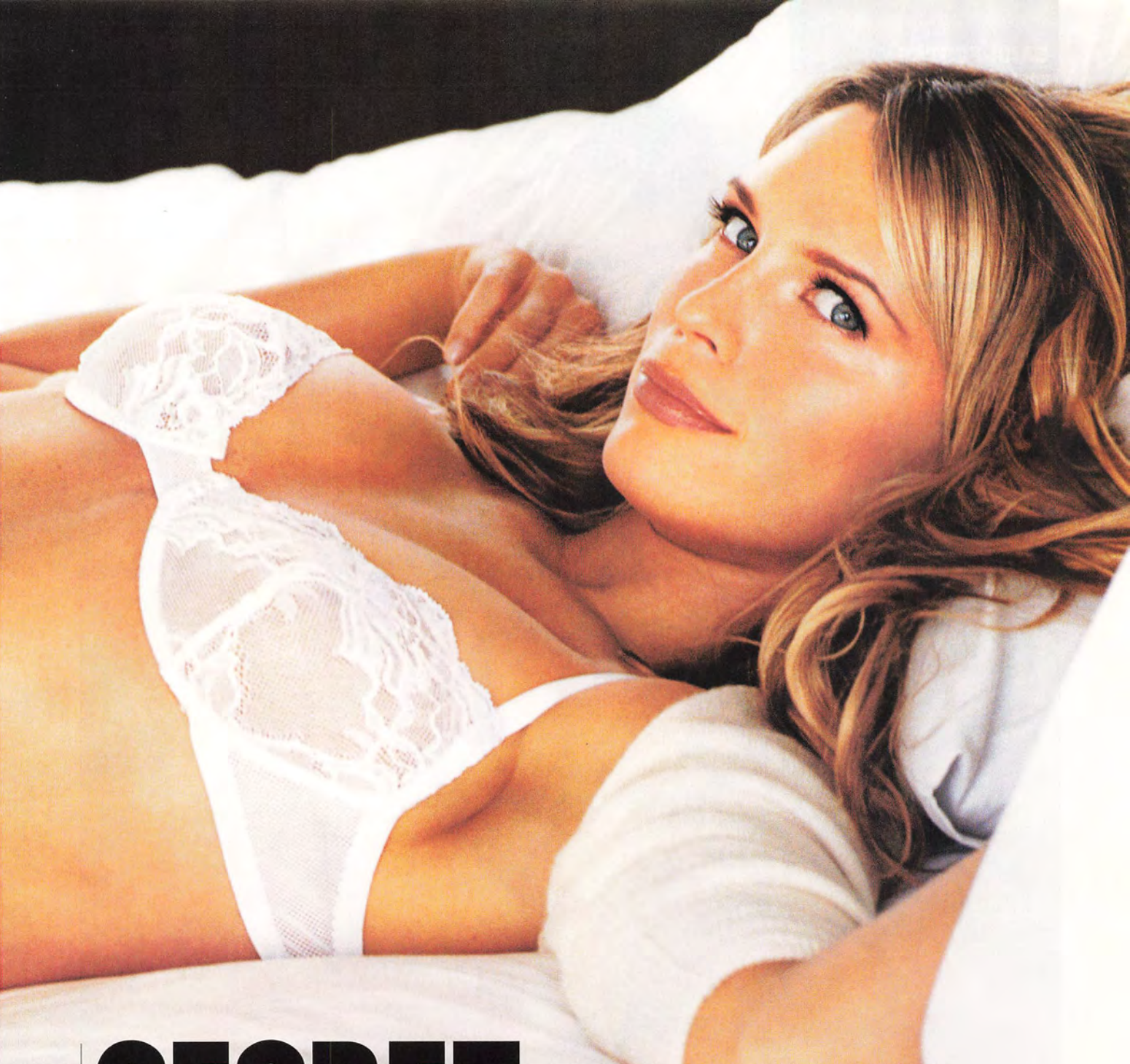

SECRET AGENT GIRL

You might think it's impossible for one girl to stand out among the sexy femme fatales of *D.E.B.S.* Sara Foster accepts your challenge.

BY ERIC ALT PHOTOGRAPHS BY RUSSELL JAMES

Sex is what you make of it. I don't think it's overrated at all!

Sara Foster's got balls. Not actual ones (we *think*—more on that later), but a fearless attitude you don't find among Hollywood starlets. Go ahead, name another actress with a lesbian kiss in her second movie. Sara does it in *D.E.B.S.*, playing a member of an elite group of secret agents who—wouldn't you know it?—happen to be hotties dressed in schoolgirl outfits. (Kind of makes you want to hug a screenwriter.) Before *D.E.B.S.* this blonde, blue-eyed Malibu native landed a prime role in *The Big Bounce* opposite Owen Wilson and Morgan Freeman (she was the one in the bikini, unless there's a deleted scene we don't know about). Here she gives us the lowdown on hot girl-on-girl action and opens up with some shocking personal revelations. (Hint: balls.)

So *D.E.B.S.* is about hot spies in schoolgirl outfits. Aren't you worried about male fantasy overload? Do you gals also sneeze Super Bowl tickets?

C'mon, in every movie there's some hot chick, but this movie has a funny concept. The people who get it will see it five times, and then there will be people who won't get it. It's over the top, but I still think it's going to appeal to all audiences. Sure, some will just be interested in the uniforms, but some skirts are shorter than others. Mine is "mid." And Jordana [Brewster] is not in a skirt...and neither is Michael Clarke Duncan. I think some people are going to be disappointed by that.

Speaking of Jordana...

[sigh] Go ahead and ask...

You two make out in the movie. Um, how awesome was that?

Jordana has very soft lips. Listen, I'd be a complete liar if I said I wasn't nervous about doing it. Obviously...well, not *obviously,* maybe, but I'd never kissed a woman before. But Jordana and I had a couple of cocktails and we were fine. Once we got going, we really got the hang of it! Jordana was very gentle.

OK, we have a gun to a kitten's head, and we'll shoot it unless you say something nasty about one of your *D.E.B.S.* costars.

Since I'm *forced,* let me start out by saying that there was no cattiness on the set at all. When you have five girls together, there's bound to be some catfighting, but there wasn't.

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If I *had* to say something...I'm trying to think of something to say about Jordana's workout habits, because her body is ridiculous. But how is that negative? All I can say is, it's negative because she makes me look bad *[laughs]*.

If you could write one of those critic blurbs for the *D.E.B.S.* poster, what would it say?

"An hour and a half to kick back, have some ▶

I'd never kissed a woman before, but Jordana was very gentle.

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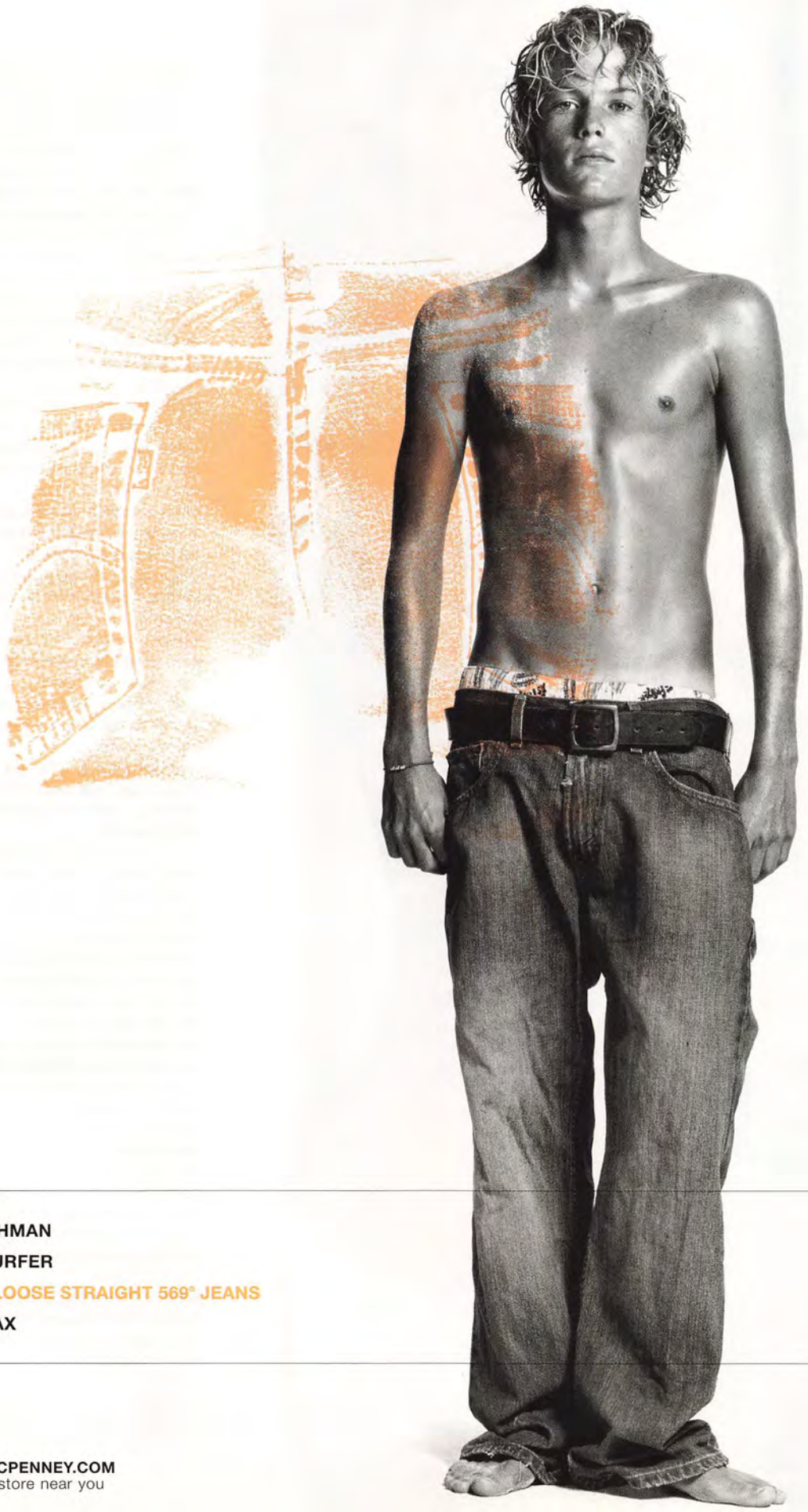

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fun, laugh a little, cry a little, and watch two girls kiss! But a movie that will also appeal to the younger audience, who will find lovely girls to look up to as role models." Can you imagine if it said that? If I saw something that discombobulated on a poster, I'd never see that movie.

Most actors won't admit they like to party. Come clean. You party, don't you?

I'm not one of those people who are all like, "I'm so boring, I sit on my butt all day," when they're out at the club twice a week. I went through a phase of going out a lot. I started getting into clubs when I was 15. I had fun, but I got it out of my system. That's not to say I'm a nun...

So you're used to sleazebag pickup lines?

I have these friends who, when a guy is hitting on them, will say, "Fuck off." I don't understand that. Part of my problem was that I gave my number out so much when I was young because I didn't know how to say no. I gave my number out to anyone who asked for it.

You've been in the gossip pages before, linked to Leonardo DiCaprio and Benicio Del Toro. Does it piss you off?

Look, this is a crazy business, and you have to love it no matter what. And there is an element of choice in it. You don't have to sit on the floor at a Lakers game; you don't have to eat at the Ivy all the time. People know that. You can avoid it, but you can also ask for it.

Well, we here at *Maxim* are going to give you the chance to start a rumor about yourself. Go wild.

I used to be a man. And I had surgery to become a woman. And slowly, slowly, I've been doing more things to achieve that feminine look.

Eat it, *Enquirer*!

I'm also pregnant with Frankie Muniz' triplets.

Totally understandable. He does have that *Racing Stripes* bankroll, after all.

Right! This is my time to come forward about all of this and tell *Maxim* readers that it's possible! Anyone who would like to become a woman... you can do it! You can fool people.

Well, Mr. Foster, you got your big break with *The Big Bounce*, alongside a pretty big-name cast. So we have to ask...How long before Morgan Freeman hit on you?

I'm not afraid to say things in interviews, but he never did. I swear! I'm a pretty perceptive girl—I can tell.

Owen Wilson?

Nope. Owen and I had an extremely brotherly-sisterly relationship, to the point that, when we had to do our love scene, we couldn't do it. We laughed the whole time, like, "How the hell are you and I supposed to be intimate?" But we did it. We made it work.

You're such a trouper. So, finally, what's the most overrated thing about sex?

Every situation is relative, and sex is what you make of it. I don't think it's overrated at all! M

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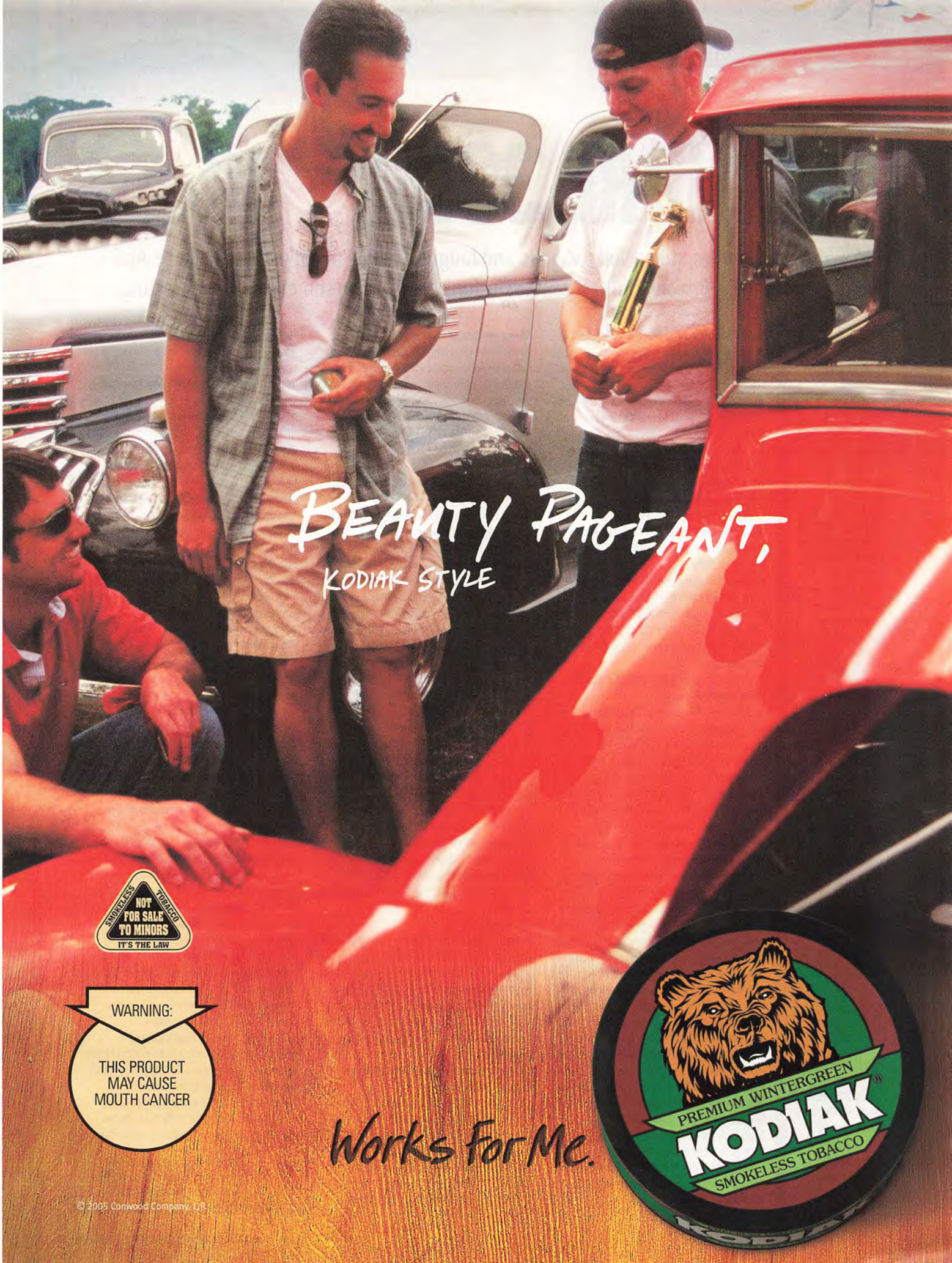

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ANDRE 3000

He's written hit singles, stolen Volkswagens, and taught a nation of old people to dance. And with his new movie, *Be Cool,* OutKast's futuristic funkster is trying something new—acting.

QUICK PICKS

BENJAMIN ANDRE HAT
"I'm a hat man. Your outfit should say what you want to say before you even meet a person. It comes from how you feel."

RALPH LAUREN AVIATOR JACKET
"Ralph Lauren is great for taking leather and making it look like you've had it for years. This one goes well with my shoes."

JOHN LOBB BOOTS
"My grandfather could have passed these down to me. And they're so scuffed, my friends make fun of them."

How sick are you of hearing "Hey Ya!" at this point?
Actually, I never listen to my own albums. I downloaded all my songs on iTunes and was amazed—it was like listening to a whole new group. I'm years away from where I was when I did that album. In fact, "Hey Ya!" was four years old when it came out.

Is it strange to see 55-year-old housewives dancing to it?
They're just having fun, but the lyrics are really hardcore, which is what's funny.

When you released *The Love Below*, you said you weren't inspired by hip-hop anymore. Why?
I started writing melodies. Rhymes just weren't coming. I had nothing to talk about, really. But believe it or not, hip-hop had everything to do with *The Love Below,* but in a negative way. It was like an allergic reaction to hip-hop. I still feel that way now.

Are you happy Big Boi bugged you to keep OutKast going?
That's not what happened. The last album was a funny situation. *The Love Below* was a solo project. I mean, you can't sit and write love songs if you got your homeboys around, but the record company felt it wasn't a great time to put out solo projects. We'd just won Grammys, and they were like, "People are expecting an OutKast album." So that's what it turned into.

And now you're in the movie *Be Cool.* What do you know about acting?
Well, I was in the drama troupe in middle school. Then I got into music. I guess it came back around. Producers would call and want to meet. So I said, "Fuck it, I'll try it." I started taking acting classes. I like the process of getting into a character. Being an entertainer, you're seen as this superhuman, surreal person. It's hard to be a civilian. But with acting you get to play somebody normal. That's so dope to me. I get to touch emotions I really don't put myself in touch with as Andre 3000. That's why it's hard for entertainers to jump into film: vanity. When you're acting you don't have to be gorgeous, beautiful, and fly.

You're known for your fly fashion sense, but do you ever look back and think you looked totally ridiculous?
Ridiculous, but in a fun way. We did this Chris Rock performance one time. I created this outfit out of football shoulder pads and different colored fur boas, but I forgot the pants that went with them.

There are pants that go with that?
I don't know what happened. It was 15 minutes before we went on, and I didn't have pants. So I told the record company rep to find me Fruit of the Loom white briefs. He came back, and all my homeboys were in the dressing room. Big Boi was like, "Do it! Do it!" So I went out with my underwear and ski boots on and performed "Bombs Over Baghdad."

So how the hell did you come up with Andre 3000?
Well, André is my true name, but the 3000 part, it's like 3000 A.D., the year.

But why 3000? Why not 2500?
It was created before the year 2000, when everyone was saying, *[in an effeminate voice]* "It's the year 2000, everything's gonna go crazy." And I was like, "What's next? What's beyond." I have to do things to keep myself excited, so the 3000 part, it's the part that keeps me excited and exploring and looking for the next—3000 is the time traveler.

It seems women love men from the future. What's that like?
For a person who loves women, loves the way they talk, walk, dress, smell, it's great. But as you get older, you start to wonder, *How long am I gonna want to do this?* That's what *The Love Below* was about, this guy torn between two worlds. I'm 29—too young to stay, too old to play. One day I gotta fall one way.

But how can you tell when a woman is into André Benjamin and not only into the famous Andre 3000?
You never know. That's the sad part about being an entertainer.

It's not *that* sad.
Women might throw themselves at me, but the downfall is you don't know how they're coming at you. I know dudes that weren't getting girls in school; they became entertainers, and now they have the most beautiful women. I wonder if they're blind to the reasons these people are around, but you want to indulge sometimes, too. It's hard.

Do you think you make better music when you're single?
I've done a little unofficial research. It seems like when a person finds love, there's not as much conviction in their songs, like they're in such a daisyland that it goes to shit. If your songs are about the lack of love, that resonates with me. But when people sing "I'm in love," I don't believe that shit. It's all about the video, the super producers, the club beat. It might *sound* good, but it's dishonest. I end up listening to music from way back when.

You used to smoke weed day and night. Why'd you give it up?
At the time I was kind of just livin' it. Y'know, first album, we were out doing everything and everybody. I woke up one day, looked in the mirror, and was like, "Man, you look like shit! You look terrible! I gotta get my life together. I can't continue living like this." So it was cold turkey.

You also gave up stealing cars. Were you any good at it?
Not really. I was mostly hanging with the homeboys, enjoying it. Big Boi used to be with me sometimes. It was all about Volkswagens back then because they were easy to steal. Just break the steering column and you're in.

Ever get caught?
Almost. We were stealing cars from a church parking lot at night while they were holding Bible study, and this guy comes out of nowhere and says, "Naw, baby, you can't do that." It scared the shit out of us, and we ran like hell!

That'll teach you to steal cars from a church. Ever get into any real trouble?
I've been to jail once—for a couple of hours. I'm too ashamed to talk about it.

You wore underpants and football shoulder pads on national television…
I was 14, and we got into it with our school bus driver. We jumped on him and called him "Chester, Chester, child molester" and he got mad. So we were throwing elbows and shit at him, and he called the police. We ran, but they caught us.

Do you miss those good ol' days?
I do, man, I do. I'm so nostalgic about when we all lived in a house owned by [producer] Rico Wade's mom. We were all in this muddy basement studio. We only had a couple of beat machines and house speakers. We had no money, so the only thing you could do was make up songs. I miss those times.

Is hip-hop a young man's game?
Most definitely. I've seen it happen. Guys I loved coming up, now they're older than I am. I don't want to see them rap now, because it's just corny. I never want to get into that position. I'd rather pull myself out of the game before somebody else throws a yellow penalty flag.

Interview by David Peisner. Andre 3000 appears in *Be Cool*, which hits theaters March 4.

Hair and makeup, Ashley Jackson for Mud with Click; makeup assistance, Davee Troublefield; set design, Jack Van Matre

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Its one drawback?
No vagina.

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GRAB BAG

April showers bring more time to stay inside and get silly. Pass the dutch!

BY MARIA FONTOURA

LIGHT FANTASTIC ($108)

Dim the lights, turn up the Pink Floyd, and check out the show! Laserpod is a device that uses lasers and LEDs to do those hippie planetarium shows one better. With the domed diffuser in place, it works like a futuristic lava lamp: Removed, it unleashes a show onto any surface—like your stomach. *(laserpod.com)*

WEIRD SCIENCE ($20)

Say what you will about virgin computer geeks, but those mofos are pret-ty resourceful. We're sure a few of them sacrificed their otherwise jam-packed Saturday nights to dismantle old machines and craft these colorful coasters out of circuit boards so your drinks can have a brightly colored resting place. Who said MIT grads don't amount to anything! *(motherboardinc.com)*

BORED GAME ($60)

Want to go X-treme but prefer the soft, cushioned belly of your couch to harsh, bone-crushing pavement? Then pick up a VR3D virtual reality skateboard. A wireless headset broadcasts 3-D graphics and sounds that match the board's motions. Before you know it, you're lazily ollie-ing handrails in the living room. *(hammacher.com)*

NO GUTS, NO GLORY ($50)

If video games are all about living out secret fantasies, then NubyTech's exclusive *Resident Evil 4* chain saw controller should bring out the Leatherface in all of us. Each weapon is individually blood-splattered—no two are alike—and a rumble feature fills you with simulated murderous power. *(residentevilcontroller.com)*

NERD BRACELET ($249)

Staying organized is a good thing, but it sucks to have pockets full of bulge. Fossil's Wrist PDA crams a Palm organizer around a watchband and cleverly tucks a pop-out stylus in the buckle. Sync it with your PC and phone numbers, memos, and calendar info are always available—even if you're not wearing any pants. *(fossil.com)*

PUFF DADDY ($20)

Going to a house party and want to bring along a perfectly legal conversation piece? Peep this inflatable water pipe. Unfold the Pfwoot, blow it up to its full 9.5"x4" capacity, add water, pack your favorite smokable, and puff away through melt-resistant plastic. And it quickly deflates when Johnny Law comes a-knockin'. *(pfwoot.com)*

LIP SERVICE ($30)

Need to visualize that girlie on the other end of those 900 numbers? The Lip Talkers speakerphone is an animated chrome mouth that moves as the voice on the line talks, adding titillating strangeness to an anonymous call. Just remember to disconnect it and pull up your pants when Grandma calls. *(fantasyphones.com)*

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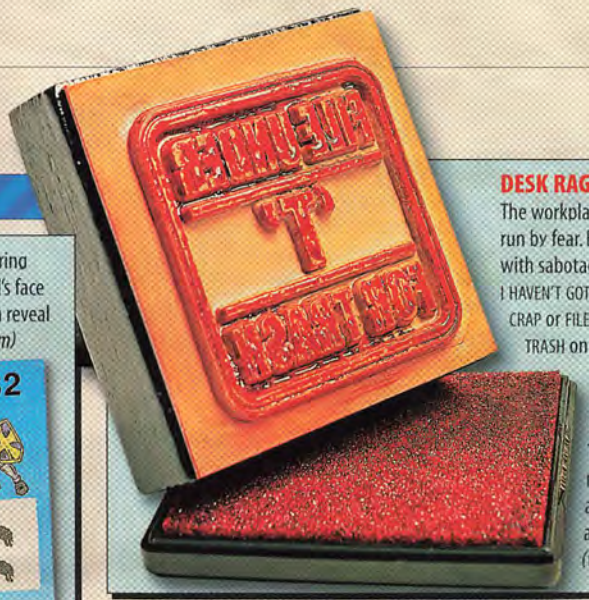
PRICED TO MOVE!

HOLIDAY SPECIALS

CHEAP HOPE $2.25 Are you a reality-TV junkie? Here's your chance to bring concocted zaniness into your own home. Imagine the look on your girlfriend's face when she scratches this phony-baloney ticket and wins a heap of cash! Then reveal the gag and watch her despair. Now *that's* entertainment! *(theprankstore.com)*



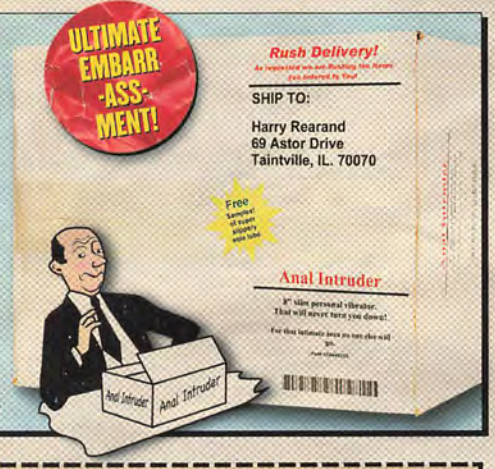
DESK RAGE $7.95 The workplace is a wasteland run by fear. Exploit the tension with sabotage stamps: Slap I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO READ THIS CRAP or FILE UNDER 'T' FOR TRASH on your paranoid coworker's next memo to the Big Queso. The guy gets a massive heart attack, and you get a hearty laugh! *(wishingfish.com)*

OFFICE SURPRISE! $5.99 The new girl in the office is hot, fit, and young. So, needless to say, you have inexplicable resentment toward her. Ease your stress by leaving this shocking stapler on her desk. It'll deliver a much-needed punishing zap of electricity. Batteries? You know it. *(gagworks.com)*

TRICKED OUT!

This April Fools' Day, don't go around telling everyone you have cancer again. Instead, take your friends down with these novelty gags.

MYSTERY BOX $7.99 For anyone with a mailing address and an anus, it's the perfect gag. The rush delivery box labeled "Anal Intruder" will make your boss smile—especially as he signs for it during sexual harassment sensitivity training. *(theprankstore.com)*



SMART BOMBS $19.89 Consider this the grenade launcher of whoopie cushions: The Fart Machine's 100-foot range lets you plant the black box under the new guy's desk and fire away from your cubicle. Toss some limburger in his desk drawer to complete the effect. *(prankplace.com)*

SOLID SIP $1.29 The problem with water is that few people choke on it. Now you can change all that thanks to Instant Gelling Joke powder. Sprinkle some into your buddy's glass and watch it quickly turn to throat-clogging sludge. Bring it on your next date. Classic! *(gagworks.com)*

MAXIM CHEAP GAG DEPT.

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CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

(YES, I WANT TO BE GAGGED!) ☐

(NO, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, YOU *MAXIM* ASS CLOWNS!) ☐

FINE PRINT: Wanna give yourself a cheap gag? Mail this exciting coupon and $10 in a self-addressed stamped envelope to: *Maxim*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018. In four to six weeks, you will receive nothing in return! But imagine the look on your face when day after day you get jack all...Better still, you'll be able to tell your friends, "*Maxim* tried to screw me over, and I fell for it!" Offer not valid in the Azores, Mexico. Please do not expect any response, because there won't be any.

ROLLS OF FUN $8.89 There's nothing like a long trip to the john to break up your day—until some slob in the stall next door turns the head into a gas chamber. Clear the cabin by installing rip-proof Revenge Toilet Paper. After unrolling spools of tissue in vain, your victim will think twice before breaking the guy code regulating squatter's rights. *(prankplace.com)*

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Text, Padraic Duffy

"I HAVE GENITAL HERPES, BUT WITH VALTREX I'VE BEEN OUTBREAK-FREE FOR NEARLY A YEAR."

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JUST ONE VALTREX A DAY HELPS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO CURE FOR HERPES, AND EVEN WITH TREATMENT, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SPREAD HERPES TO OTHERS. VALTREX MAY NOT PREVENT ALL RECURRENCES. TO AVOID A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS COMPLICATION, TELL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS NOT NORMAL BECAUSE OF ADVANCED HIV DISEASE, BONE MARROW OR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. COMMON SIDE EFFECTS ARE HEADACHE, NAUSEA, AND ABDOMINAL PAIN.

**"MY DAYS ARE MINE.
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE."**

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MAY VARY.
Please see accompanying important patient information.

VALTREX®
(valacyclovir HCl)
500mg, 1g Caplets

PATIENT INFORMATION
VALTREX (VAL-trex)
(valacyclovir hydrochloride) Caplets

Read the Patient Information that comes with VALTREX before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

What is VALTREX?

VALTREX is a prescription antiviral medicine. VALTREX lowers the ability of herpes viruses to multiply in your body.

VALTREX is used:

- to treat cold sores (also called fever blisters or herpes labialis) in adults
- to treat shingles (also called herpes zoster) in adults
- to treat or control genital herpes outbreaks in adults with normal immune systems
- to control genital herpes outbreaks in adults infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) with CD4 cell count greater than 100 cells/mm^3
- with safer sex practices to lower the chances of spreading genital herpes to others

Even with safer sex practices, it is still possible to spread genital herpes.

VALTREX used daily with the following safer sex practices can lower the chances of passing genital herpes to your partner.

- **Do not have sexual contact with your partner** when you have any symptom or outbreak of genital herpes.
- **Use a condom** made of latex or polyurethane whenever you have sexual contact.

VALTREX does not cure herpes infections (cold sores, shingles, or genital herpes).

VALTREX has not been studied in children who have not reached puberty.

What are cold sores, shingles, and genital herpes?

Cold sores are caused by a herpes virus that may be spread by kissing or other physical contact with the infected area of the skin. They are small, painful ulcers that you get in or around your mouth. It is not known if VALTREX can stop the spread of cold sores to others.

Shingles is caused by the same herpes virus that causes chicken pox. It causes small, painful blisters that happen on a certain area of your skin. Shingles occurs in people who have already had chicken pox. Shingles can be spread to people who have not had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine by contact with the infected areas of the skin. It is not known if VALTREX can stop the spread of shingles to others.

Genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease. It causes small, painful blisters on your genital area. You can spread genital herpes to others, even when you have no symptoms. If you are sexually active, you can still pass herpes to your partner, even if you are taking VALTREX. VALTREX, taken every day as prescribed and used with the following **safer sex practices,** can lower the chances of passing genital herpes to your partner.

- **Do not have sexual contact with your partner when you have any symptom or outbreak of genital herpes.**
- **Use a condom** made of latex or polyurethane whenever you have sexual contact.

Ask your healthcare provider for more information about safer sex practices.

Who should not take VALTREX?

Do not take VALTREX if you are allergic to any of its ingredients or to acyclovir. The active ingredient is valacyclovir. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in VALTREX.

Before taking VALTREX, tell your healthcare provider:

About all your medical conditions, including:

- **if you have had a bone marrow transplant or kidney transplant, or if you have advanced HIV disease or "AIDS".** Patients with these conditions may have a higher chance for getting a blood disorder called thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura/hemolytic uremic syndrome (TTP/HUS). TTP/HUS can result in death.
- **if you have kidney problems.** Patients with kidney problems may have a higher chance for getting side effects or more kidney problems with VALTREX. Your healthcare provider may give you a lower dose of VALTREX.
- **if you are 65 years of age or older.** Elderly patients have a higher chance of certain side effects. Also, elderly patients are more likely to have kidney problems. Your healthcare provider may give you a lower dose of VALTREX.
- **if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.** Talk with your healthcare provider about the risks and benefits of taking prescription drugs (including VALTREX) during pregnancy.
- **if you are breastfeeding.** VALTREX may pass into your milk and it may harm your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking VALTREX.
- **about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. VALTREX may affect other medicines, and other medicines may affect VALTREX. This may happen if you have certain medical conditions such as kidney problems. It is a good idea to keep a complete list of all the medicines you take. Show this list to your healthcare provider and pharmacist any time you get a new medicine.

VALTREX®
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How should I take VALTREX?

Take VALTREX exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Your dose of VALTREX and length of treatment will depend on the type of herpes infection that you have and any other medical problems that you have.

- Do not stop VALTREX or change your treatment without talking to your healthcare provider.
- VALTREX can be taken with or without food.
- If you are taking VALTREX to treat cold sores, shingles, or genital herpes, you should start treatment as soon as possible after your symptoms start. VALTREX may not help you if you start treatment too late.
- If you miss a dose of VALTREX, take it as soon as you remember and then take your next dose at its regular time. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, **do not take the missed dose.** Wait and take the next dose at the regular time.
- Do not take more than the prescribed number of VALTREX Caplets each day. Call your healthcare provider right away if you take too much VALTREX.

What are the possible side effects of VALTREX?

Kidney failure and nervous system problems are not common, but can be serious in some patients taking VALTREX. Nervous system problems include aggressive behavior, unsteady movement, shaky movements, confusion, speech problems, hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are really not there), seizures, and coma. Kidney failure and nervous system problems have happened in patients who already have kidney disease and in elderly patients whose kidneys do not work well due to age. **Always tell your healthcare provider if you have kidney problems before taking VALTREX. Call your doctor right away if you get a nervous system problem while you are taking VALTREX.**

Common side effects of VALTREX include headache, nausea, stomach pain, vomiting, and dizziness. Side effects in HIV-infected adults include headache, tiredness, and rash. These side effects are usually mild and usually do not cause patients to stop taking VALTREX.

Other less common side effects include painful periods in women, joint pain, depression, low blood cell counts, and changes in tests that measure how well the liver and kidneys work.

Talk to your healthcare provider if you develop any side effects that concern you.

These are not all the side effects of VALTREX. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

How should I store VALTREX?

- Store VALTREX at room temperature, 59° to 77°F (15° to 25°C).
- Keep VALTREX in a tightly closed container.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need.
- **Keep VALTREX and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about VALTREX

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use VALTREX for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VALTREX to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about VALTREX. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about VALTREX that is written for health professionals. More information is available at www.VALTREX.com.

What are the ingredients in VALTREX?

Active Ingredient: valacyclovir hydrochloride
Inactive Ingredients: carnauba wax, colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, FD&C Blue No. 2 Lake, hypromellose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80, povidone, and titanium dioxide.
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SAME DIFFERENCE

THE GOOD SON

We ask 20 ladies to judge the best same-day send-and-forget buds for Mom.

1-800-FLOWERS ($38)

Order: Daisies in a basket
What she gets: Aside from looking like "weeds picked from the side of the road," prompting barbs like, "Are they fake?" these *Little House on the Prairie* flowers in a white basket did last for nearly seven days.

★☆☆☆☆

FTD ($46)

Order: The Abundance of Beauty bouquet
What she gets: Our jaded testers knew the flowers were for Mom and still deemed them ugly and cheesy, but OK for Grandma. Bonus: They turn into potpourri in five days.

★★☆☆☆

PROFLOWERS ($50)

Order: Roses in a vase
What she gets: Our critics were unanimous: "At least it isn't a basket." And the "classic" though "thrown together" rose arrangement began to wilt in two days, proving guys can never catch a friggin' break.

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CHEAP CHOICES

HEAD CASES

We test three budget cutters to see if they can fix these kids' bowl cuts—lest we pummel them.

SUPERCUTS

Bowlhead: Pasha, 14
Cost: $15
Final cut: With nearly 2,000 shops in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and the U.K., Supercuts is the McDonald's of the hair world: cheap, fast, and no good for you. Just ask Pasha, the unfortunate recipient of the chain's mass-market clip job. "I showed them the picture I wanted, and they didn't even come close," he groaned. "In fact, she didn't even look at the picture!" Already having a ripe-for-the-bullying first name, Pasha couldn't afford to be stuck looking like Ben Roethlisberger for the next month, so he asked if the 'do could be redone. "What do you want me to do about it?" replied the unapologetic Ms. Scissors-hands. Well, for starters, how about giving the kid his lunch money back?

JEAN LOUIS DAVID

Bowlhead: Zack, 12
Cost: $22.50
Final cut: Our knee-jerk reaction to anything with a difficult-to-pronounce name is that it should be shipped off to Guantánamo Bay. But this global chain of Eurotrashy salons proved to be a good option for our mop-headed kid. "I liked it," said Zack. "I saw the haircut in the book, and they did a good job." He wanted the close trim he always dreamed of but never had before—"I couldn't because of the modeling"—and damned if he didn't get exactly that. He was also particularly impressed with the cutter's speed: "He just grabbed something and went!" Spoken like a true metrosexual.

BARBER SCHOOL

Bowlhead: Aaron, 14
Cost: $5
Final cut: Sure, letting a novice with sharp objects near your head is risky, but take a look at this eraserhead: Could it be much worse? We sent young Aaron to Atlas Barber School in New York to find out. (Call your local barber school for the hours they take penny-pinching walk-ins.) The cutters-in-training were more than happy to snip our boy into shape. "I asked for something chill, and they gave me something chill," said the lad—and that's all anyone can ask, really. He also found the establishment "clean" and the barber "personable." Our tester's only complaint? "I was weirded out that the guy didn't wet my hair." *Models!*

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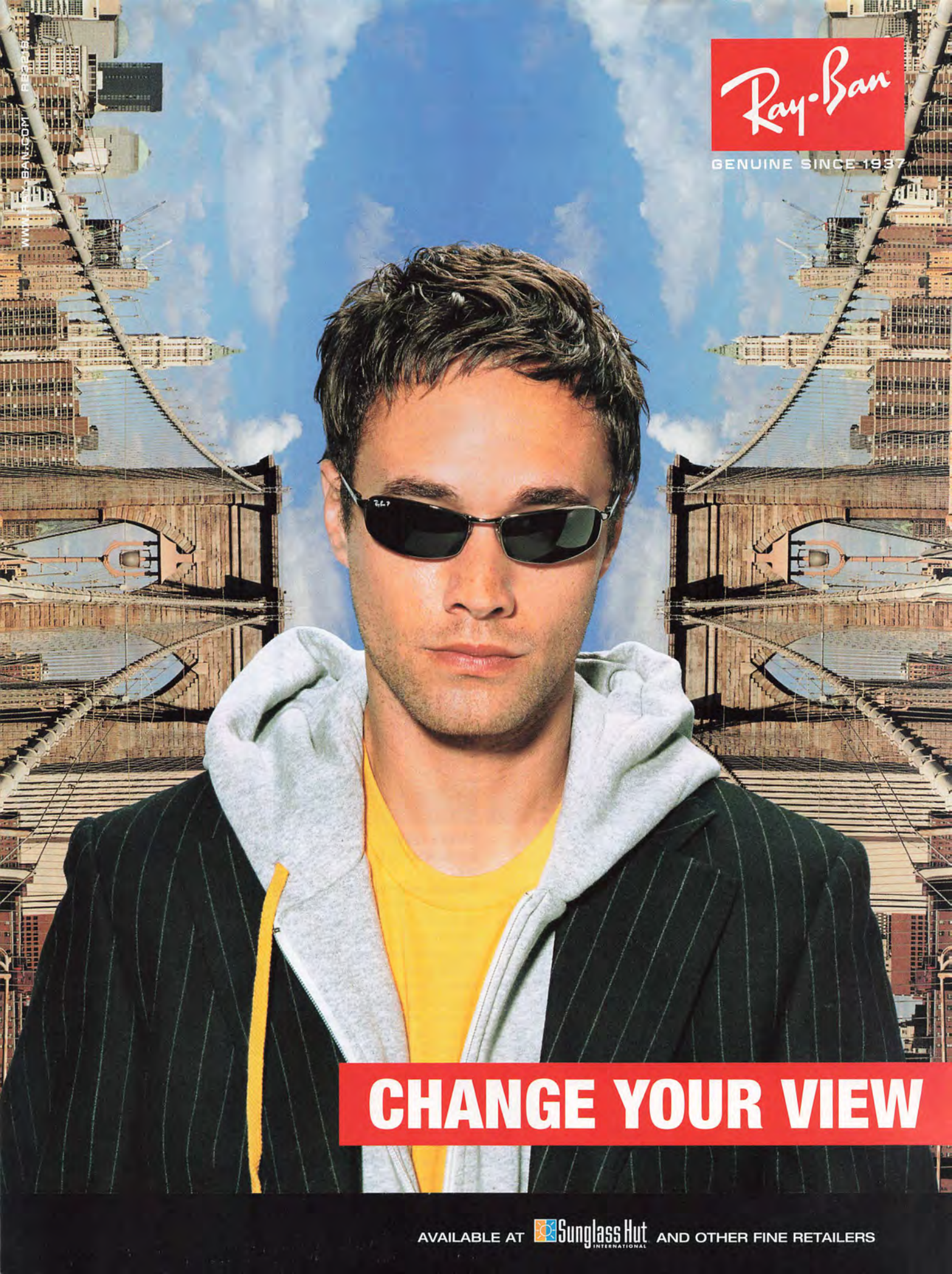
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Wienermobile T-shirt, $21, by Paul Frank for Oscar Mayer; woven shirt, $36, by Van Heusen; polyester/spandex long-sleeve shirt with Sorbtek moisture management system, $37, by Pro Player; jeans, $65, by Pepe Jeans London; grosgrain belt, $75, by Best of Class by Robert Talbott.

Grooming: Lisa Raquel for Butler N.Y.C./Redken at See Management; set design: Composition Studio. For buying information, see page 172.

April needn't be a total washout if you've got the right gear this spring.

FASHION

PHOTOGRAPH BY BRADFORD NOBLE STYLING BY STAN WILLIAMS

THE MAGIC SUIT

For the perfect spring wardrobe, all you need is one great suit and a few add-ons. Sadly, there's no room for the lime green tie your aunt knitted you.

Pinstripe suit, $895,
by Boss Hugo Boss

Dress shirt, $125, and silk tie, $85,
by Boss Hugo Boss

Air Madero cap-toe shoes, $225,
by Cole Haan

V-neck sweater, $325,
by Boss Hugo Boss

Grooming, Deborah Altizio for Aartistloft.com; styling assistance, Renée Marchione. For buying information, see page 172.

Never Iron cotton khakis, $70,
by Dockers

Silk pocket square, $75,
by Best of Class by Robert Talbott

Cable-knit cashmere sweater, $225,
by H Hilfiger

Plaid cotton shirt, $50,
by Tommy Hilfiger

Tie, $45,
by Sean John Tailored

Sandpiper sandals, $79,
by Kenneth Cole Reaction

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALEX CAO STYLING BY MARIA RUOCCO

Canvas belt, $25,
by Express Design Studio

Classic Trucker denim jacket, $50,
by Levi's

Polo, $52
by Sean John

Jennings oxfords, $235,
by G Series

White steel aviator sunglasses, $45,
by Tommy Hilfiger

Ombre dot stripe shirt, $80,
by Claiborne

Benicarlo slip-on shoes, $85,
by Royal Elastics

Elvis shirt, $69,
by Club Monaco

Silk pocket square, $75,
by Best of Class by Robert Talbott

Bright stripe belt, $15,
by American Eagle Outfitters

Jeans, $112,
by Lucky Brand Jeans

Messenger T-shirt, $32,
by Modern Amusement

Silk pocket square, $75,
by Best of Class by Robert Talbott

Seersucker button-down, $70,
by Marc Ecko

Laser-cut sleeveless tee, $35,
by DKNY Jeans

East/West messenger bag, $150,
by Kenneth Cole New York

Cooper sandals, $155,
by Cole Haan

Twill cargo pants, $75,
by Tommy Hilfiger

Roma PF EXT sneakers, $60,
by Puma

Ray shirt, $69,
by Club Monaco

Eagle web belt, $15,
by American Eagle Outfitters

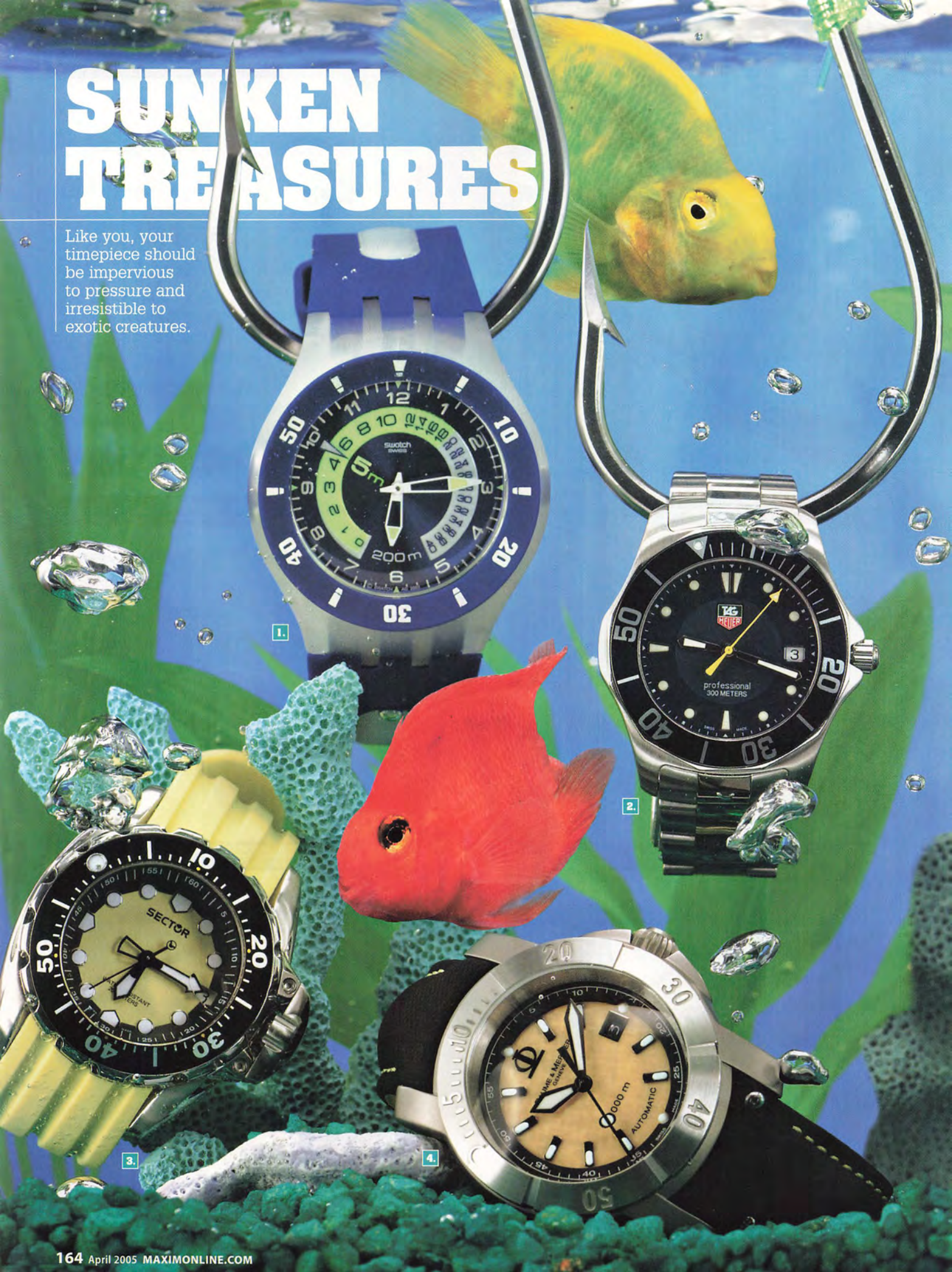
Green steel aviator sunglasses, $45,
by Tommy Hilfiger

T-shirt, $70,
by Comfort

Marquee full zip funnel neck jacket, $70,
by Polo Jeans Co. Ralph Lauren

SUNKEN TREASURES

Like you, your timepiece should be impervious to pressure and irresistible to exotic creatures.



1. Whale Ride Fun Scuba watch, **$80,** by Swatch

2. Aquaracer watch, **$1,095,** by TAG Heuer

3. Diver 600 watch, **$310,** by Sector

4. CapeLand XXL watch, **$2,995,** by Baume & Mercier

5. TT1 Divers watch, **$995,** by Oris

6. Alarm chronograph, **$550,** by Seiko

7. Diving watch, **$350,** by Zodiac

8. Colt GMT watch, **$1,925,** by Breitling

Prop styling, Liz Engelhardt. For buying information, see page 172.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS STEIN COMPILED BY MARIA RUOCCO

SPREAD THE WORD

Let your T-shirt speak on your behalf, even if you're only thinking of purple birds.

Rusty Trombone T-shirt, $29,
by Ben Sherman

Bruce Lee T-shirt, $12,
by Target

Hybrid T-shirt, $45,
by Quiksilver

Pinups T-shirt, $50,
by Butch

Brush stroke T-shirt, $22,
by Chaps Denim

Jersey crew T-shirt, $60,
by Calvin Klein Jeans

The Thief T-shirt, $32,
by Modern Amusement

Aquarium T-shirt, $44,
by Mavi

Hang in There T-shirt, $24,
by G*mart

Poser T-shirt, $27,
by Nautica Jeans Company

Cut-Duri-Rib T-shirt, $49,
by Diesel

For buying information, see page XXX.

Buffalo Soldier T-shirt, $25,
by Kingston Red

Kona Gold T-shirt, $29,
by Lucky Brand Jeans

My Wiener Is Happy to See You T-shirt, $18,
by Anchor Blue

I ♥ Martians T-shirt, $26,
by nick(it)

Graphic T-shirt, $23,
by Redsand

Handmade T-shirt, $65,
by Nimany

Girls T-shirt, $29,
by Guess

Boom box T-shirt, $20,
by Pony

I Lie to Girls T-shirt, $16,
by American Eagle Outfitters

Granby T-shirt, $30,
by Polo Jeans Co. Ralph Lauren

Live Fast, Die Young T-shirt, $54,
by Left Field

Reversible jersey print T-shirt, $67,
by Skæn

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDREW WOFFINDEN

HEIR JORDANS
It's been 20 years since Michael Jordan launched his first basketball shoe with Nike. In celebration, the Jordan brand takes a whole new shot with its Air Jordan XX model, retailing for $175 a pair; visit jumpman23.com.

FUZZ BUSTER
Take it on the chin with Edge Advanced, a line of 10 new shaving gels for 10 different kinds of skin. Ranging from Tough Beards to Ultra-Sensitive, they sell in drugstores for $2.99 each.

IN THE WASH
Jeans maker JNCO updates its fits and finishes for goods that look and feel better than ever. This low-rise five-pocket potassium-washed pair sells for $55 at JCPenney and Kohl's.

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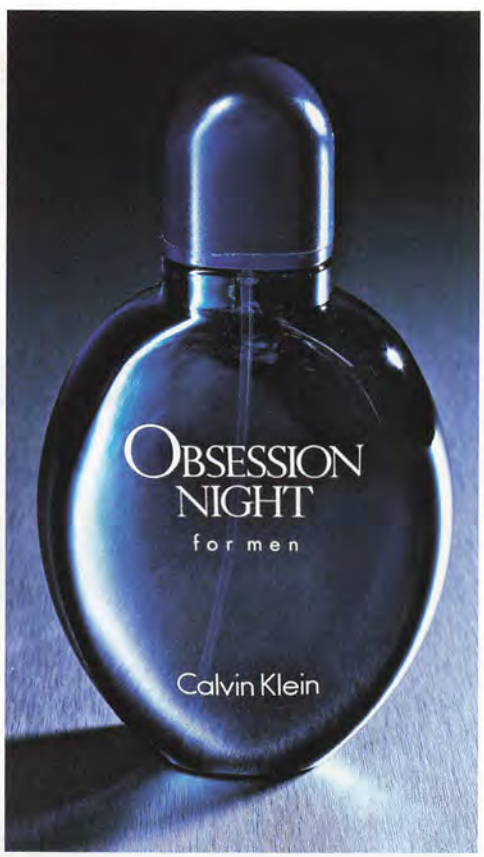
Just spring for it! For tightwads who still think clothes appear by magic, it's your mom who's been putting the Toughskins in your closet. Sorry. Now go out and buy this stuff.

THIS MONTH'S LABEL: CH CAROLINA HERRERA
Known for jet set women's apparel, Carolina Herrera is now flirting with menswear. The new collection includes outerwear and leather goods, with dress shirts retailing from $180 to $300 and suits from $1,110 to $1,560 at CH Carolina Herrera stores in Manhasset, NY; Las Vegas; Coral Gables, FL.; and Houston.

BUCKLE UP!
You're in for a fast ride with these belts from designer Tracy Watts. Each features a different vintage car decoupage on its buckle. They sell for $140 apiece at stores like Sway, Hoboken, NJ; LASC, L.A.; and Skye, Denver, CO.

NEW OBSESSION
Remember the college days, when you used to douse yourself with Calvin Klein's Obsession? Now you can update your scent with Calvin Klein's new Obsession Night for Men, $52 for 4 oz. at department stores.



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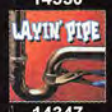

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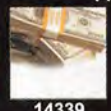
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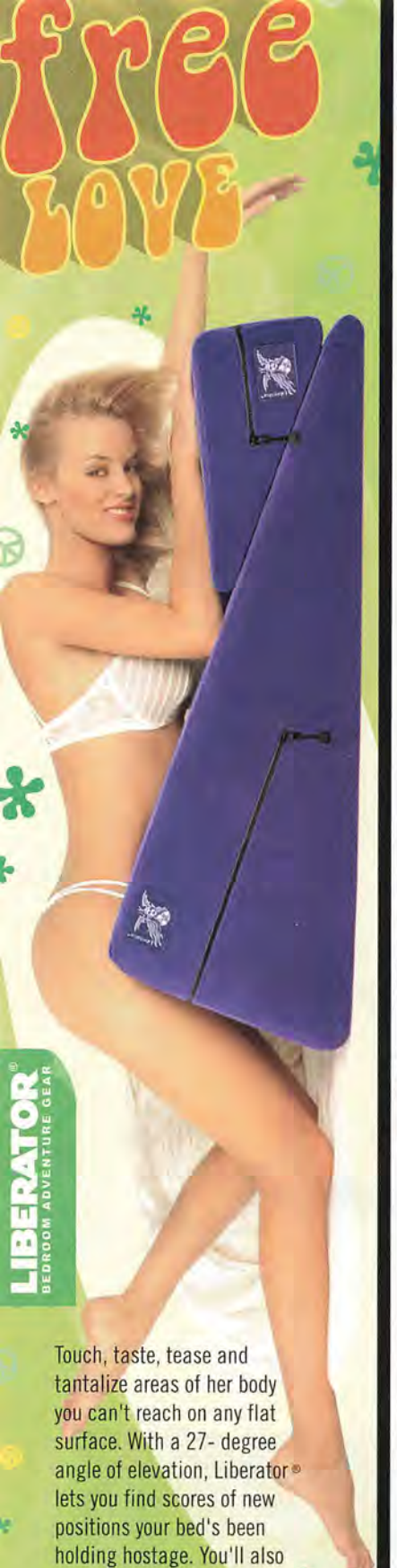

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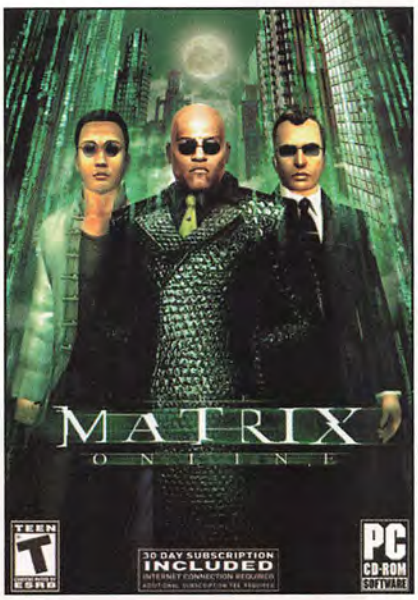

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Q HOW MUCH COCAINE CAN I SNORT BEFORE MY NOSE FALLS OFF?

A Don't worry, silly. The STD you contract from the hookers will probably kill you first. Besides, your nose won't actually fall off. Instead, your septum—the cartilage that prevents you from having one gigantic nostril—will develop holes in it and might eventually disintegrate. Since Connie makes the blood vessels in your honker contract, circulation is restricted, which can kill the tissue. Over time your snout might start to go all flat and mushy, a condition doctors scientifically call "saddle nose." How much blow you have to do to achieve maximum smush-face is anybody's guess. "Some patients try it three or four times and have perforations," says Alexander Chiu, an assistant medical professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "Others have used cocaine regularly for years without a problem." So, if you must indulge, quit the binging and give your shnoz time to recover.

No nose, no nose hair!

STRAIGHT ANSWERS

Were there female pirates? YES

Are there lyrics to the theme song from *Star Trek*? YES

Do breast implants prevent mothers from breast-feeding? NO

Was actor Andy Garcia a Siamese twin? YES

Do identical twins have identical fingerprints? NO

Q HAVE PLANE SEATS EVER SAVED ANYONE IN A WATER CRASH?

A Well, cushions have definitely served as sponges for many a leaky bladder, but there isn't much evidence that they have actually supported floaters. We asked the Federal Aviation Administration for examples of when they had, but they couldn't come up with any. The Association of Flight Attendants, a major industry labor union, has claimed that cushions were used by survivors of a 1989 Boeing 737 crash near New York City, but there's little evidence to support that. In 1970 a DC-9 made a water landing (properly called a *ditch*) in the Caribbean, but no cushions were used. Why aren't there more heroic pillows? For one thing, all flights over oceans are equipped with things called *life jackets*. Secondly, and most significantly, planes hardly ever ditch; and when they do, it's usually in little pieces. Enjoy the flight!

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- Each American eats an average of 46 slices of pizza per year.

Q WHY DO SHIPS MEASURE SPEED IN KNOTS?

A First off, be warned that there is a special circle of hell reserved for Poindexters who ask us trigonometry-related questions. Moving on. "We use nautical miles because they're based on the natural dimensions of the Earth. Statute miles are based on nothing," explains Nautical Institute expert Al Hamilton. One knot refers to one nautical mile per hour. One nautical mile is about 6,080 feet, or rather, a measure of the arc of latitude on the Earth's surface. Sailors use latitude and longitude because they travel long distances without roads or Cracker Barrels to steer by. The term *knot* comes from the practice of tying a knot every 47.33 feet on a piece of rope, then tying it to a piece of wood and throwing it overboard for 28 seconds. (We'd explain why, but do you *really* want the equation?) Salty dogs would gauge speed by counting the number of knots that passed through their hands. One last thing: "Always use the word *knot* on the high seas. I will come personally and tear your heart out if you say nautical miles per hour," says the otherwise pleasant Hamilton. Aye, aye, cap'n!

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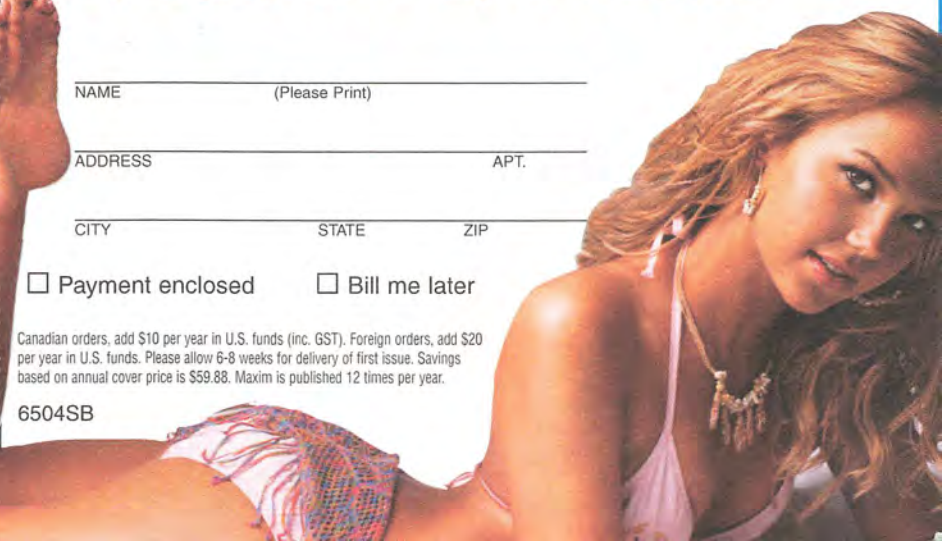

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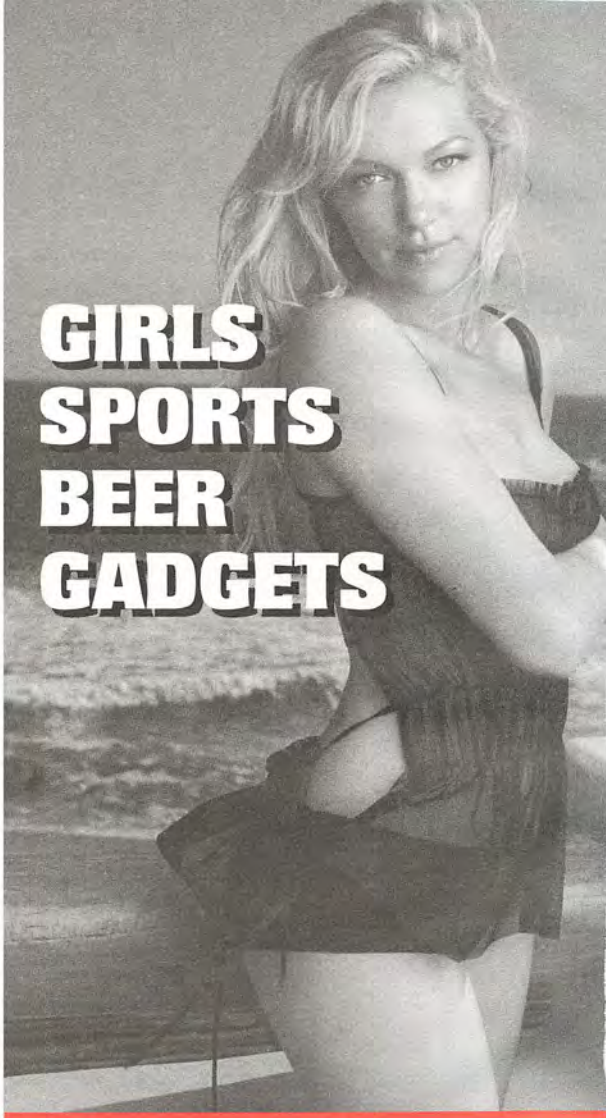

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